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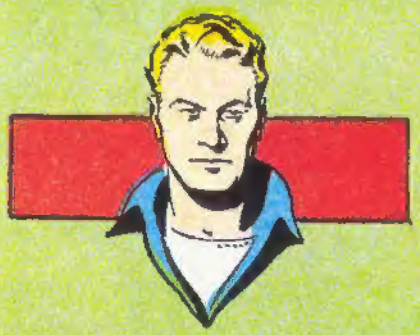

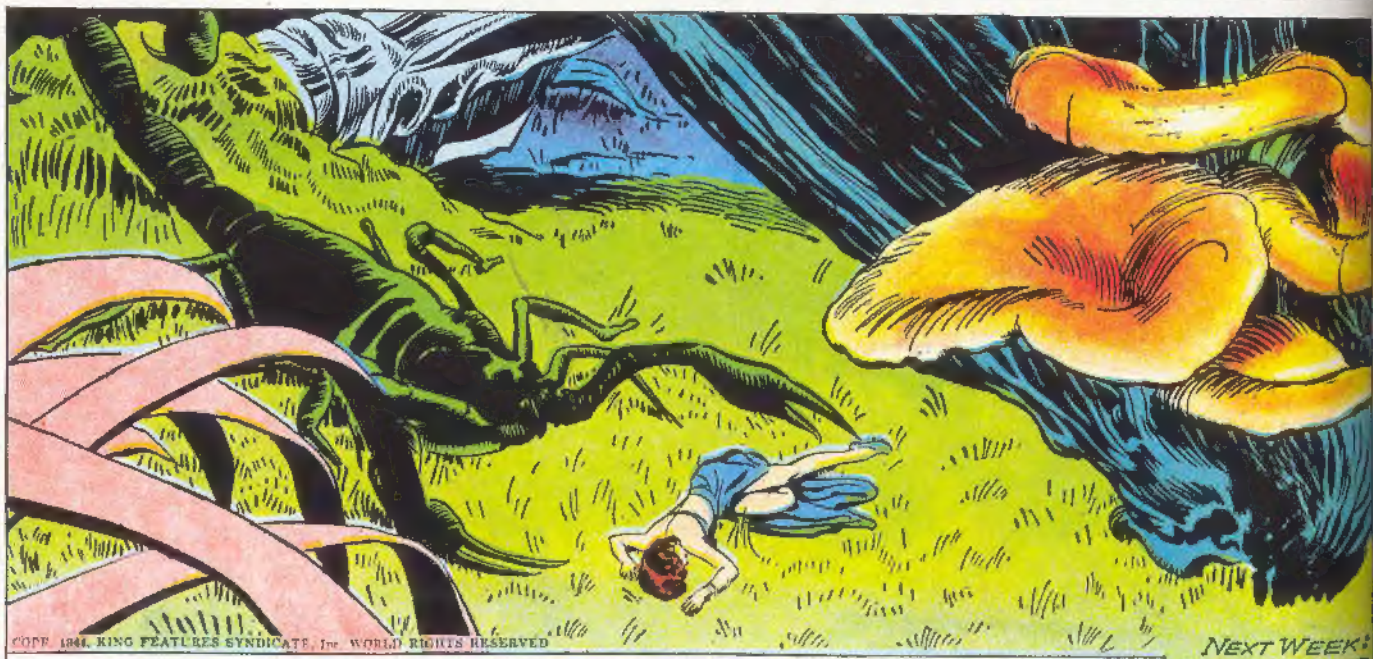

FLASH HOVERS ON RETARDING JETS, INSIDE THE WEIRD FOREST. "LOOK, THERE'S THE WRECK··· BUT WHAT'S THAT AWFUL SCORPION-LIKE MONSTER?" DALE CRIES

NEXT WEEK: DANGEROUS VICTORY.

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"WE CAN'T SHOOT···THE SCORPION WOULD KILL THAT GIRL IN ITS DEATH AGONIES. HOVER HERE. I'LL BAIL OUT AND LURE THE CREATURE AWAY!" FLASH IGNORES DALE'S PROTEST.

FLASH BREAKS HIS FALL WITH A JUNGLE VINE. HE SHOUTS, ATTRACTING THE MONSTER'S ATTENTION: "LIE STILL, GIRL. LET IT CHASE ME!"

THE SCORPION LUNGES, ITS TAIL SPITTING VENOM. FLASH DODGES ALERTLY.
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FLASH AND DALE AIM A DEADLY CROSS-FIRE THAT DISPATCHES THE GIANT INSECT.

FLASH MAKES SURE THERE ARE NO BROKEN BONES OR VERTEBRAE, THEN TENDERLY CARRIES THE RESCUED GIRL TO THE ROCKET. HE IS STRUCK BY HER GREAT BEAUTY.
NEXT WEEK: LURA SHOWS HER CLAWS

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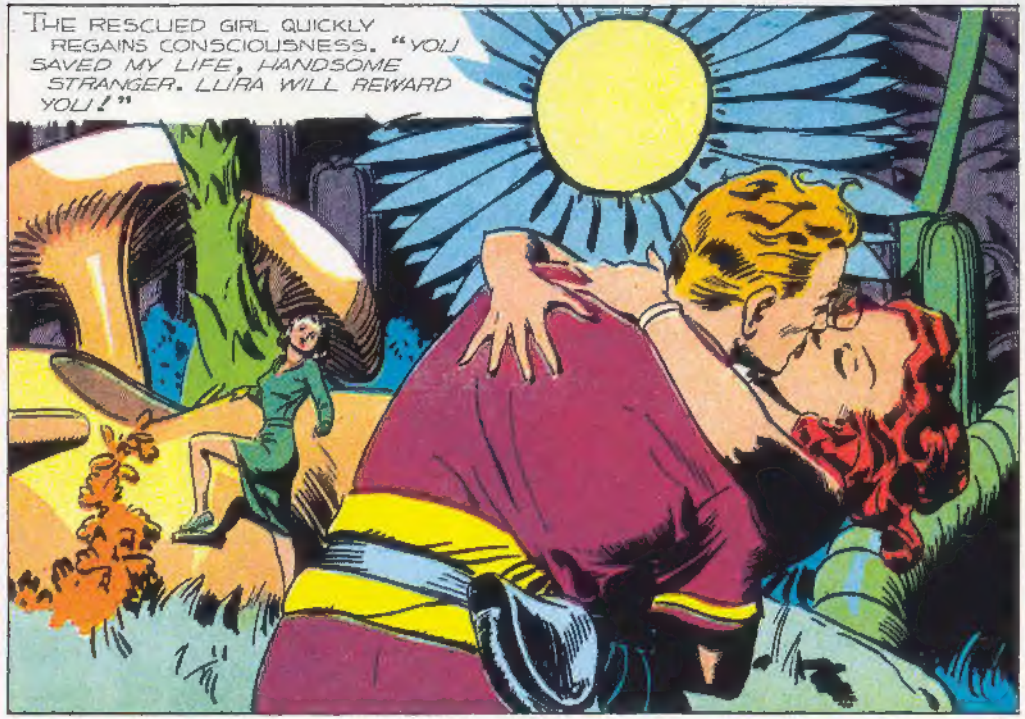

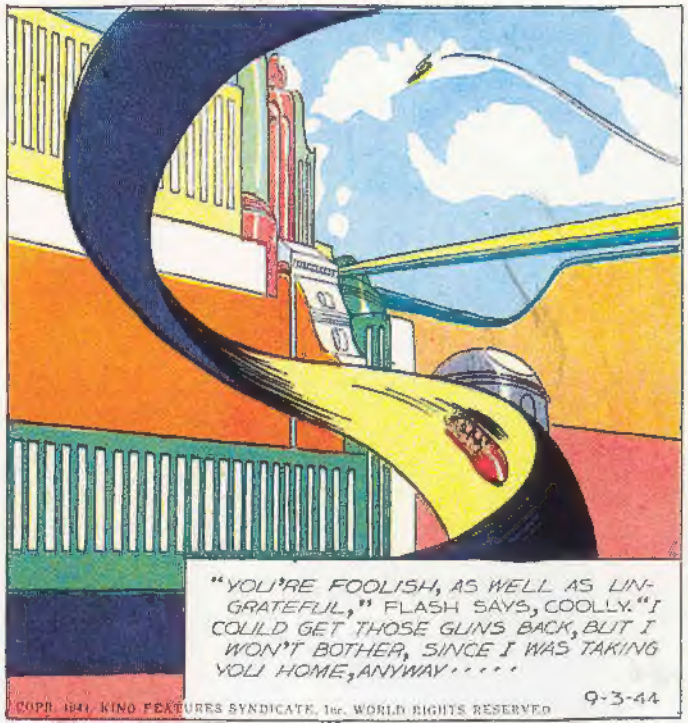

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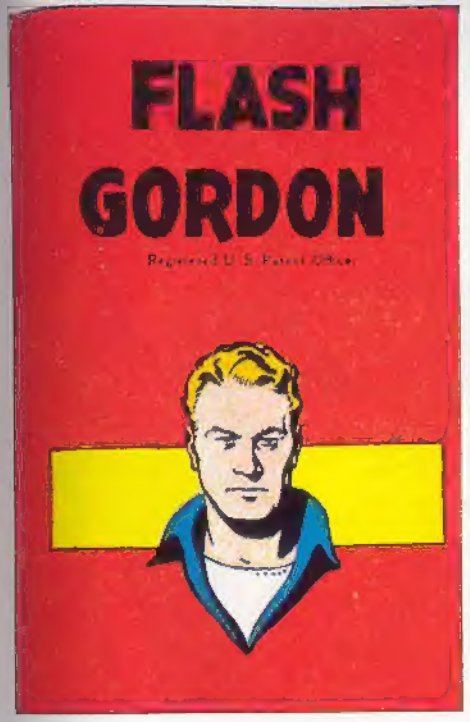
NEXT WEEK: THE SECRETS OF MARVELA.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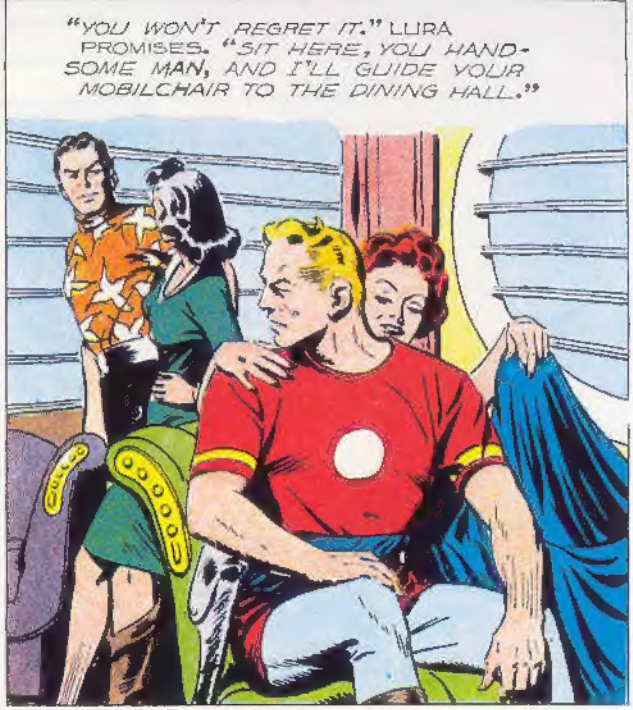
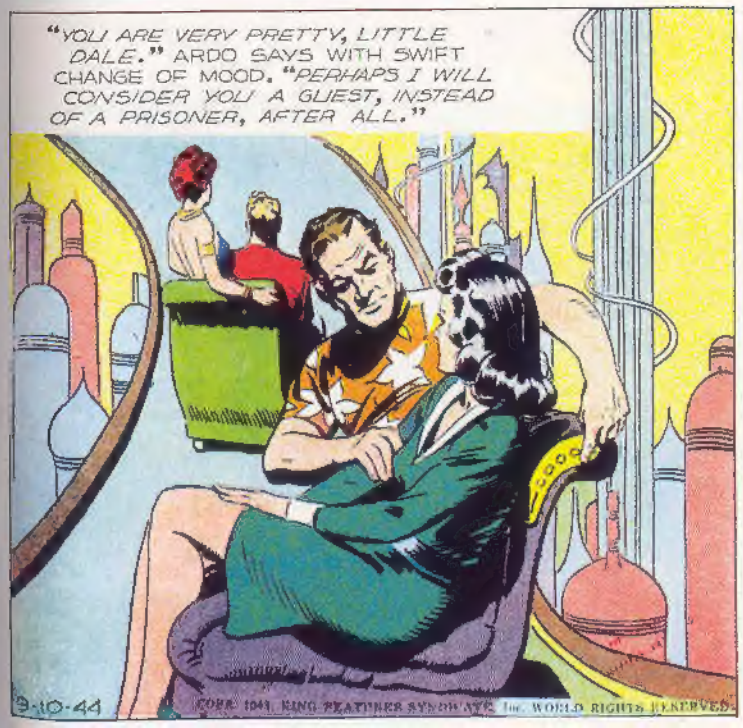
"WHO ARE THESE TRESPASSERS, LURA?" ARDO ASKS. FLASH ANSWERS, COOLLY, "I AM FLASH GORDON, OF MONGO... WHERE WE HAVE BETTER MANNERS IN GREETING GUESTS!"

"IN MARVELA, I SET THE RULES. WHY DID YOU DARE VENTURE INTO MY LAND?" ARDO SNAPS. FLASH LOOKS AT LURA. "TO SAVE YOUR SISTER'S LIFE.... EVIDENTLY A MISTAKE."


"YOU WON'T REGRET IT." LURA PROMISES. "SIT HERE, YOU HANDSOME MAN, AND I'LL GUIDE YOUR MOBILCHAIR TO THE DINING HALL."


"YOU ARE VERY PRETTY, LITTLE DALE." ARDO SAYS WITH SWIFT CHANGE OF MOOD. "PERHAPS I WILL CONSIDER YOU A GUEST, INSTEAD OF A PRISONER, AFTER ALL."
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LURA PRESSES A BUTTON AND THE DINING-ROOM WALLS TURN TRANSPARENT. "LOOK, ARDO, THERE GOES ANOTHER OF YOUR TIRESOME SCIENTIFIC JOKES. IT WAS YOUR GIANT SCORPION THAT FLASH RESCUED ME FROM!"
NEXT WEEK: ARDO'S GRIM HUMOR.

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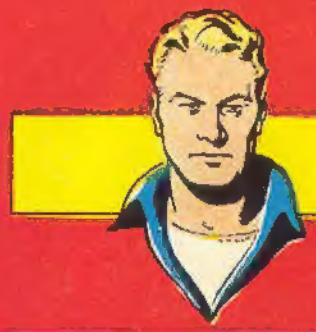
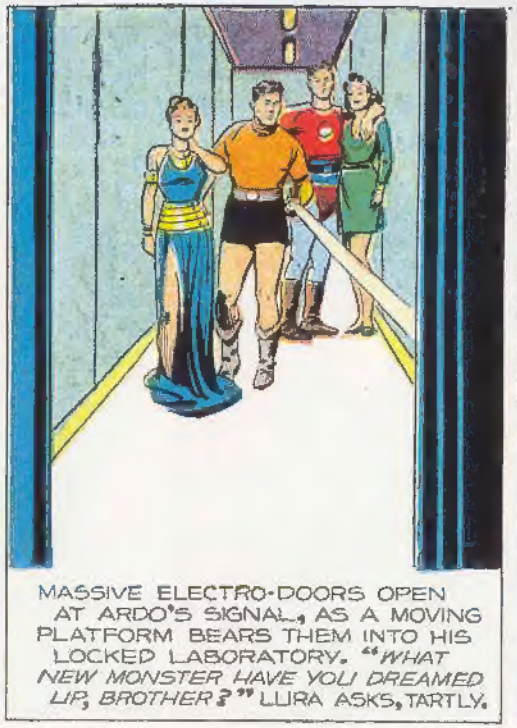
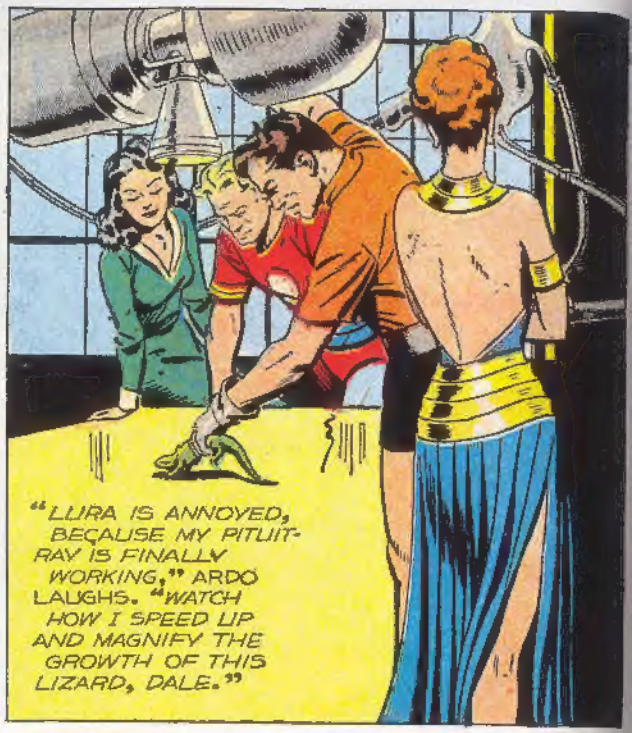


ARDO DOWNS A FLAGON OF HEADY ALCANE. "COME, LITTLE DALE, SEE HOW I AMUSE MYSELF IN MY LABORATORY."



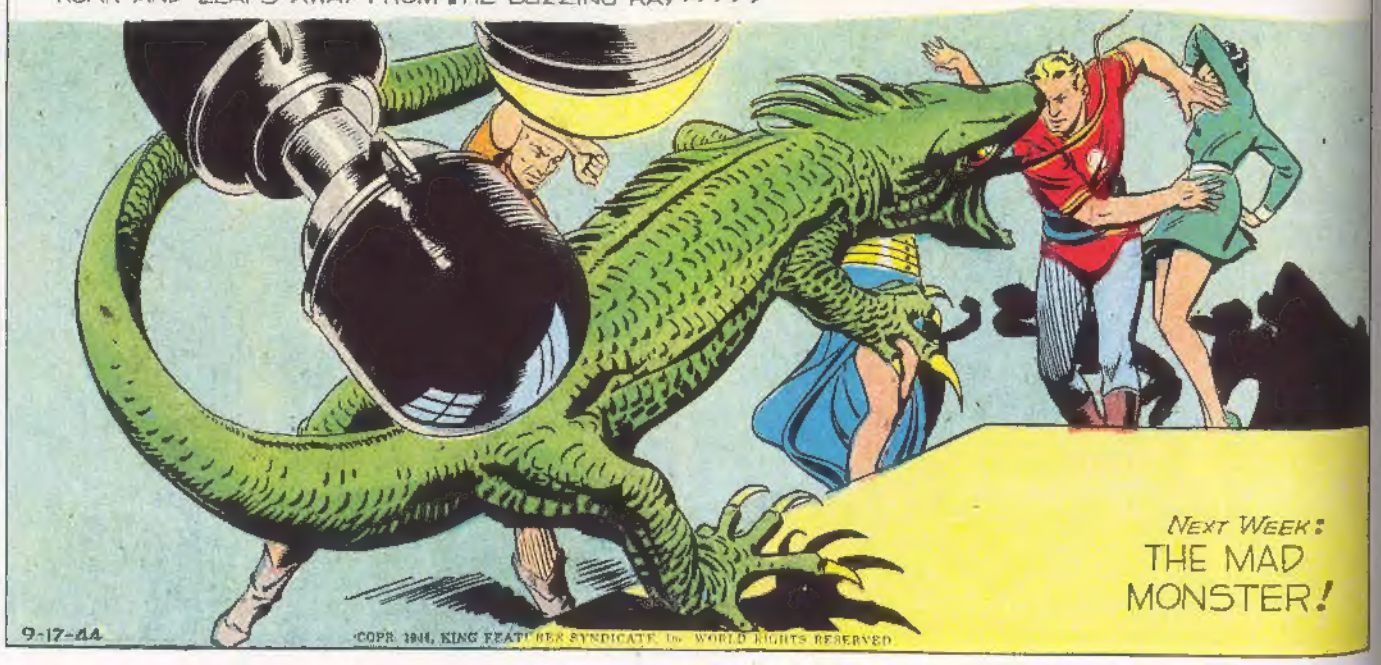
MASSIVE ELECTRO-DOORS OPEN AT ARDO'S SIGNAL, AS A MOVING PLATFORM BEARS THEM INTO HIS LOCKED LABORATORY. "WHAT NEW MONSTER HAVE YOU DREAMED UP, BROTHER?" LURA ASKS, TARTLY.



"LURA IS ANNOYED, BECAUSE MY PITUITRAY IS FINALLY WORKING," ARDO LAUGHS. "WATCH HOW I SPEED UP AND MAGNIFY THE GROWTH OF THIS LIZARD, DALE."

"LOOK MT'S AMAZING··HORRIBLE!" DALE GASPS, AS THE LIZARD GROWS HUGE. FLASH SAYS IN RELUCTANT ADMIRATION, "YOU'RE A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS, ARDO!"

"I HOPE ONE OF YOUR PETS BITES YOU SOME DAY, DEAR BROTHER," LURA SAYS IN DISGUST. AS IF AT A SIGNAL, THE GIANT LIZARD GIVES AN UNEARTHLY ROAR AND LEAPS AWAY FROM THE BUZZING RAY·····



NEXT WEEK: THE MAD MONSTER!

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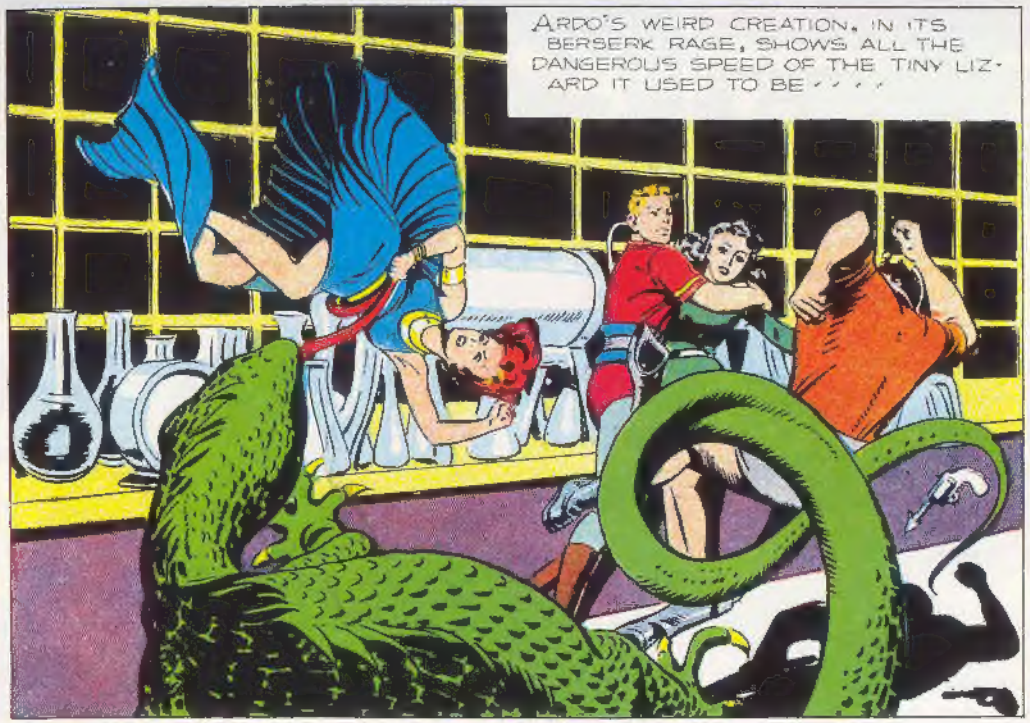
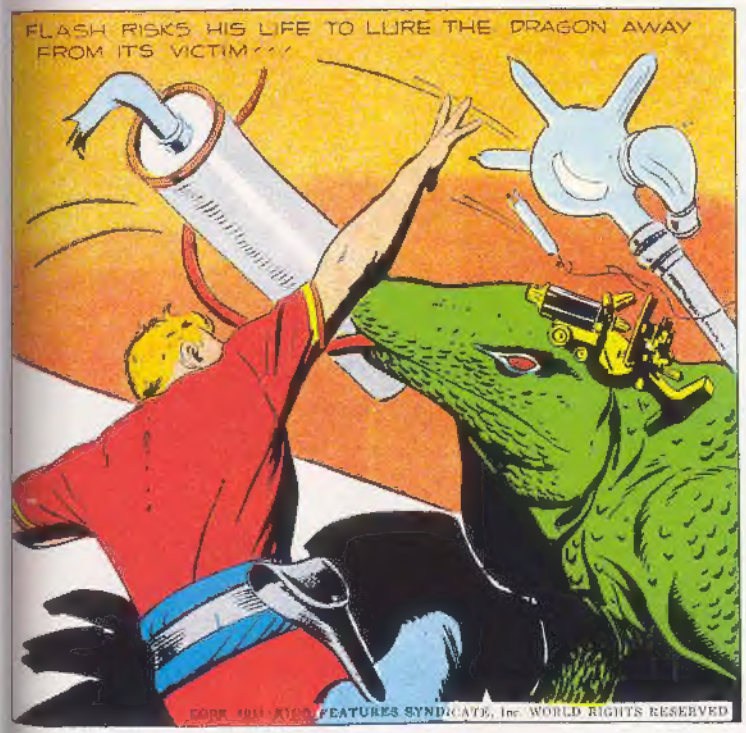

ARDO'S WEIRD CREATION, IN ITS BERSERK RAGE, SHOWS ALL THE DANGEROUS SPEED OF THE TINY LIZARD IT USED TO BE....

LURA FIGHTS LIKE A MADWOMAN TO ESCAPE THE MONSTER'S PREHENSILE TONGUE.


FLASH RISKS HIS LIFE TO LURE THE DRAGON AWAY FROM ITS VICTIM...
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FLASH KEEPS UP A BARRAGE, HURLING ANYTHING MOVABLE HE CAN FIND. THE SAURIAN TRAPS HIM IN A CORNER...WHERE FLASH FINDS A HUGE RETORT FULL OF AN UNKNOWN CHEMICAL....
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"GET OUT OF HERE, FAST--IT'S SOME SORT OF SLEEP-GAS!" FLASH WARNS, AS THE LIZARD GASPS AND KEELS OVER.
NEXT WEEK: MURDER MOOD.

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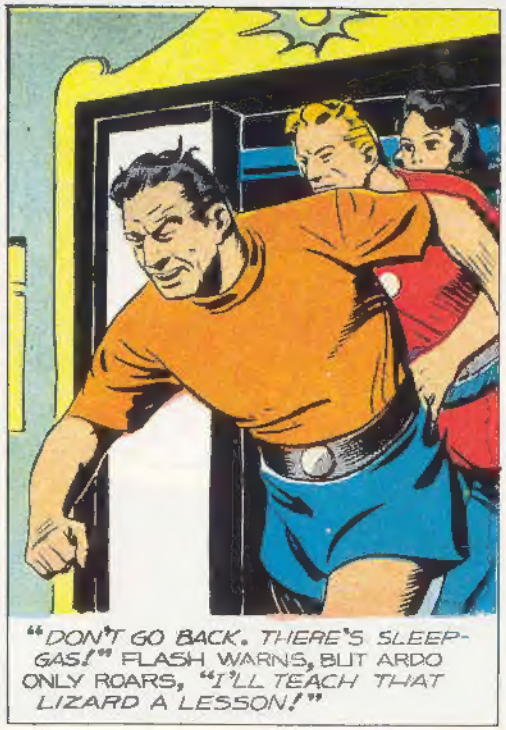

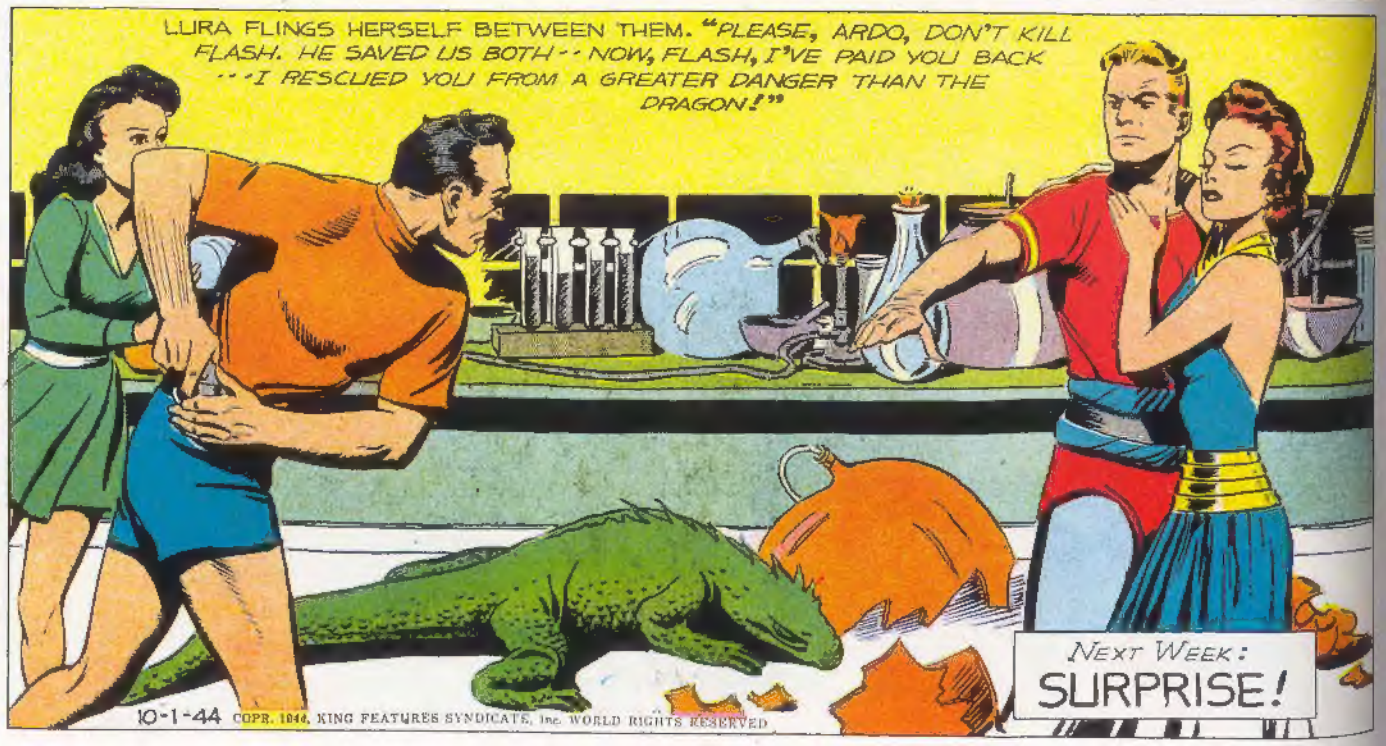

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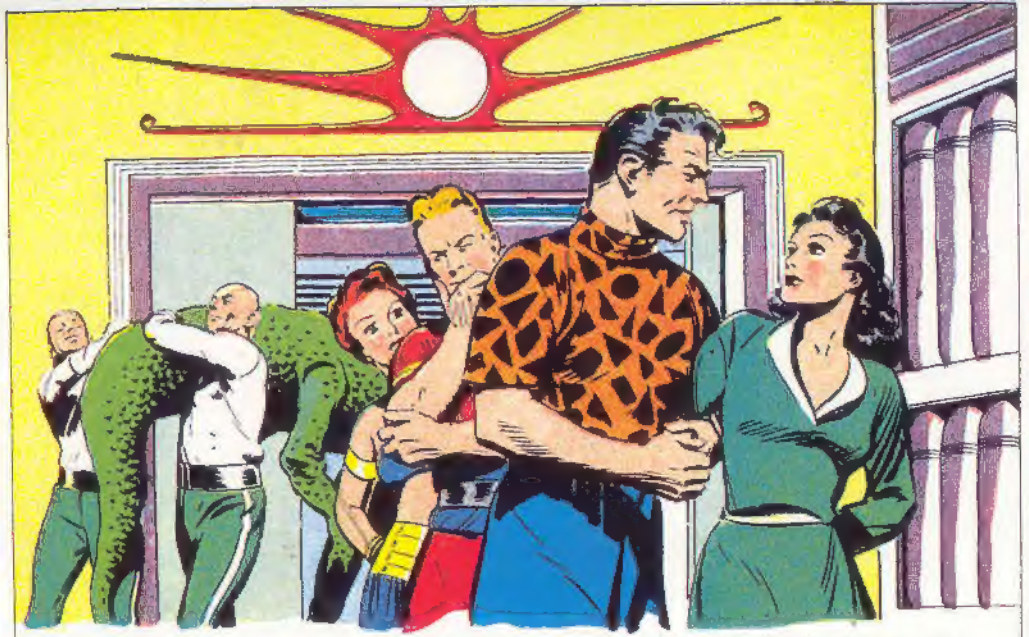
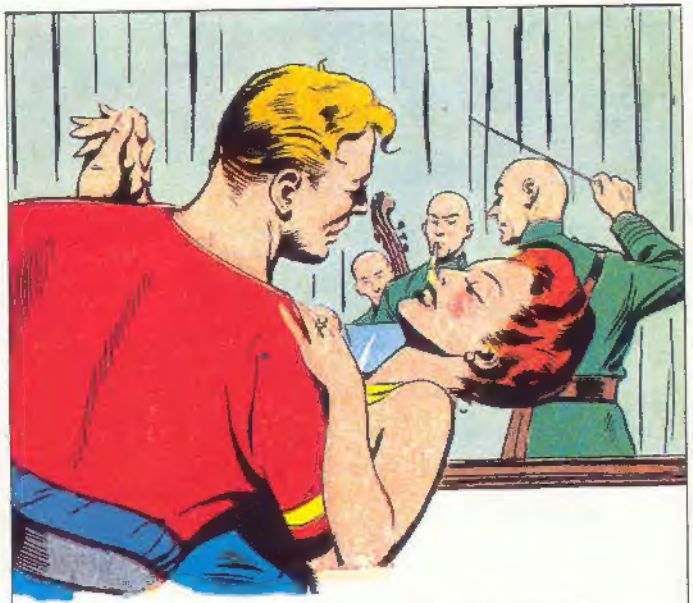


ARDO'S HENCHMEN REMOVE THE CARCASS OF THE MONSTROUS LIZARD. WITH QUICK CHANGE OF MOOD, ARDO SMILES: "NOW, MY CHARMING GUEST, LET US DANCE AND BE GAY."

FLASH HALTS AT THE BALLROOM DOOR: "PLEASE DON'T TRY TO ENTERTAIN US, ARDO. WE MUST BE ON OUR WAY." ARDO FROWNS: "I DO THIS TO AMUSE MYSELF, NOT YOU. BESIDES . . . . ."

". . . YOU AREN'T LEAVING UNTIL I GIVE THE WORD," ARDO MOCKS, AS HE WHIRLS DALE AWAY IN A BREATH-TAKING DANCE.



DANCING WITH LURA IS A DISTURBING THRILL. "WHY HURRY AWAY? ARE WE SO DULL?" SHE ASKS. FLASH LOOKS INTO HER EYES: "NEITHER DULL. . . . NOR SAFE!"

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FLASH MANAGES TO GET DALE ALONE ON THE TERRACE: "LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AT OUR VERY FIRST CHANCE." DALE SAYS SHARPLY, AS IF UNDER A SPELL: "NO, I WON'T GO YET! ISN'T ARDO AN AMAZING PERSON?"

NEXT WEEK: ARDO'S SCHEME.

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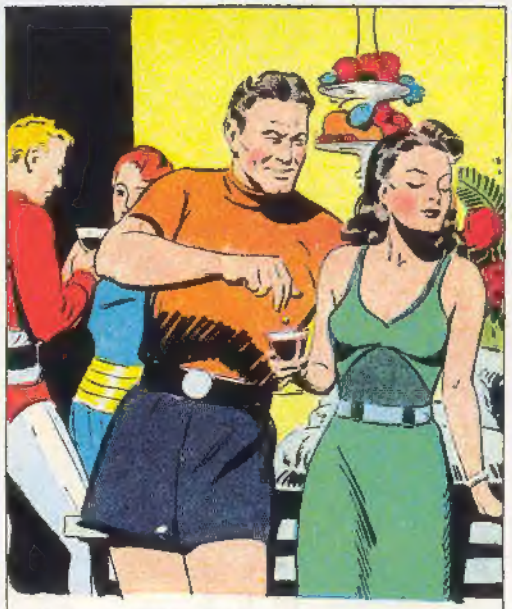
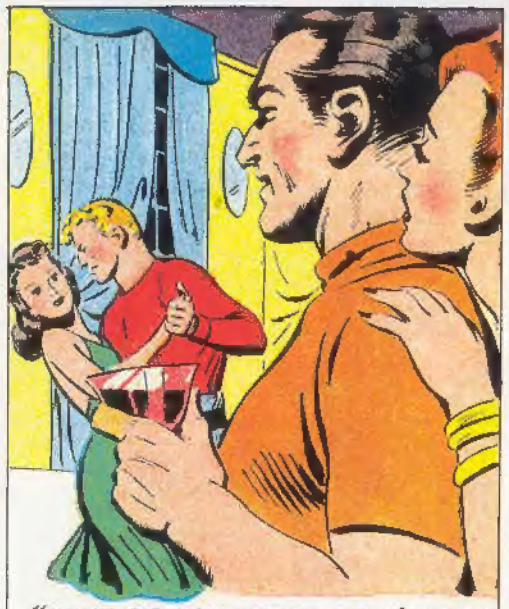


"A TOAST!" ARDO PROPOSES WITH SECRET MOCKERY, "TO OUR ENJOYMENT OF YOUR VISIT TO MARVELA, DALE!"



"WHAT DID YOU PUT IN DALE'S GLASS ---POISON?" LURA WHISPERS TO HER BROTHER. HE CHUCKLES: "NO, A HYPNO-PILL, SO SHE'LL REMAIN OUR GUEST."

AT LAST THE "GUESTS" ARE SHOWN TO THEIR ROOMS. "I TRUST YOU DON'T WALK IN YOUR SLEEP," ARDO SMILES. "MY WATCHMEN HAVE NERVOUS FINGERS."

FLASH ELUDES ARDO'S GUARDS AND FINDS THE HIDDEN PALACE GARAGE. "I MUST BRING DALE HERE FOR OUR GETAWAY," HE PLANS----NOT SEEING THE HIDDEN FIGURE THAT WATCHES EVERY MOVE HE MAKES---

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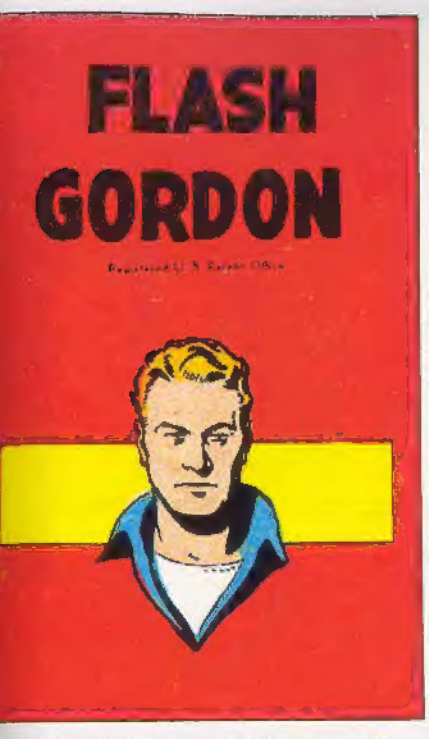
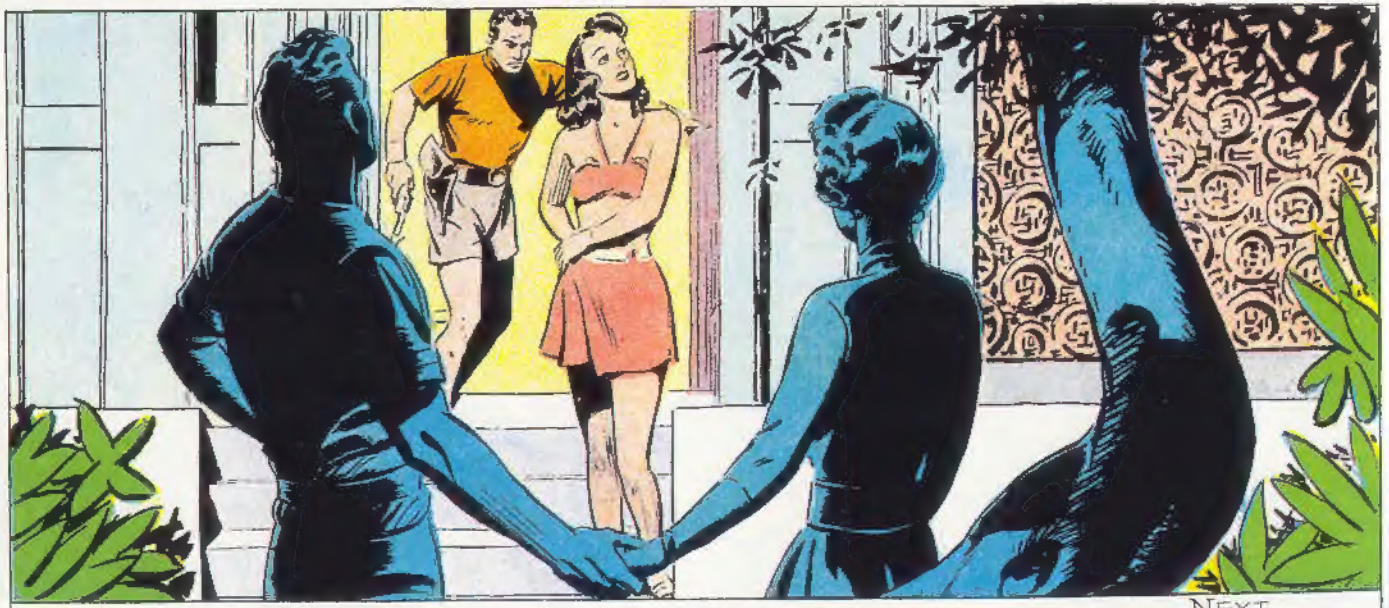
NEXT WEEK: CAUGHT IN THE ACT.





"I KNEW I HEARD SUSPICIOUS SOUNDS OUTSIDE," ARDO SAYS. LURA LAUGHS SHAMELESSLY. "WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT OUR STROLLING IN THE MOONLIGHT?" AND FLASH IS RELIEVED, BUT SECRETLY HURT WHEN DALE SHOWS NO SIGN OF JEALOUSY.

NEXT WEEK: BETRAYAL!

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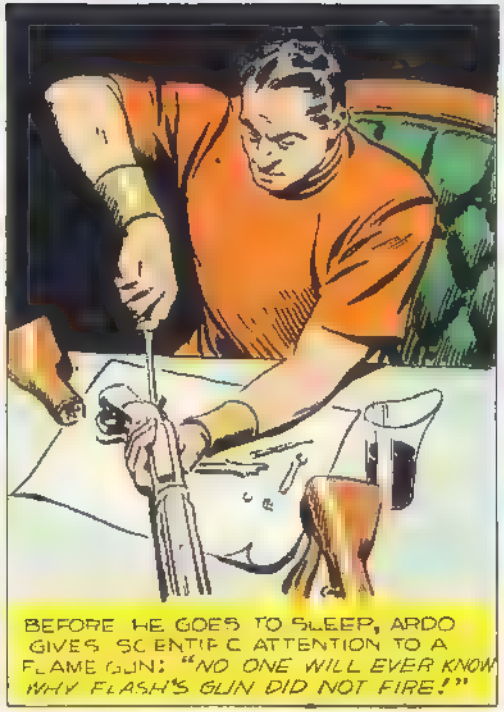

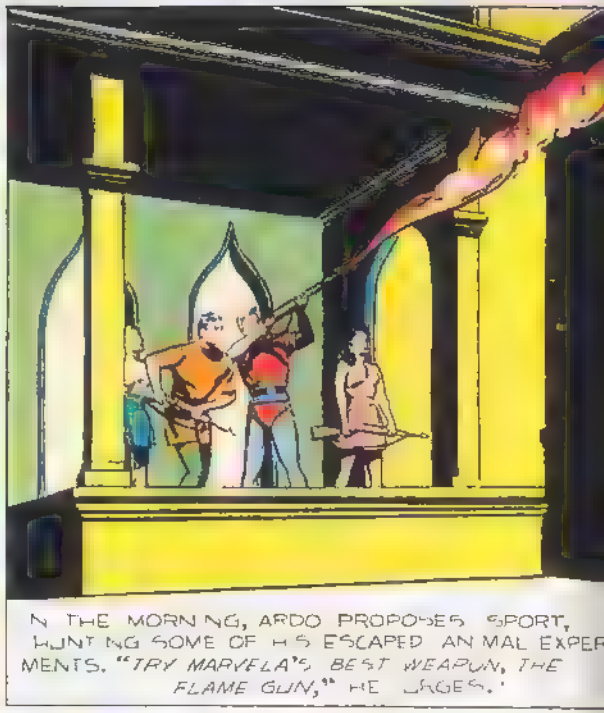

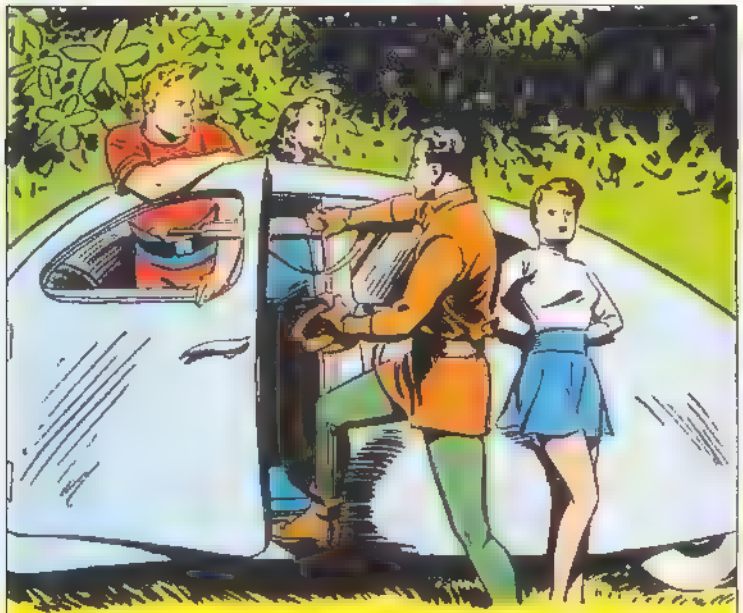

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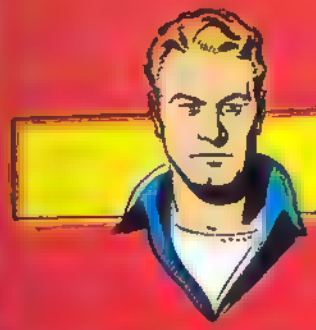
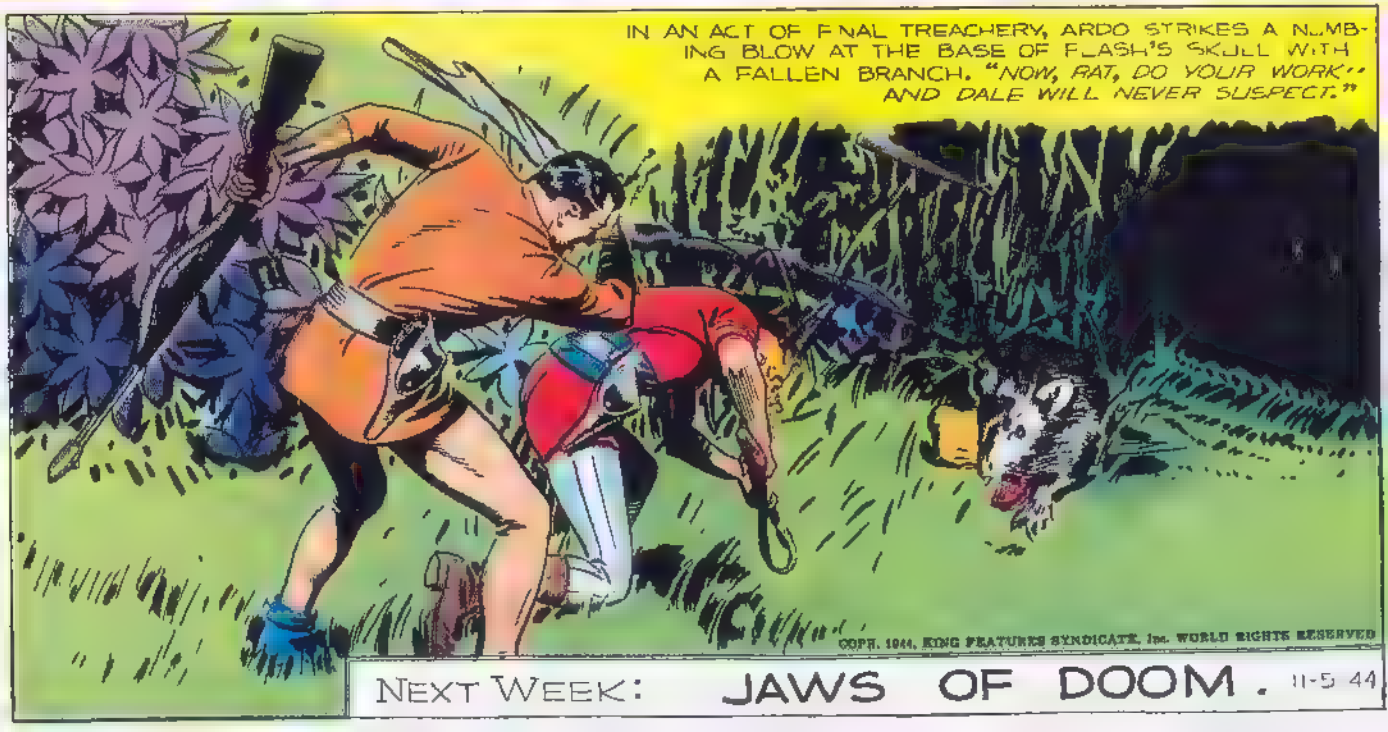


FLASH OUTRAGES ARDO, AS THEY PRESS HOT ON THE TRAIL OF A GIANT RAT IN ITS JUNGLE WARREN··

ARDO SAYS MOCKINGLY, "GOOD! YOU MAY SHOOT FIRST."

FLASH PULLS THE TRIGGER AND HIS GUN CLICKS EMPTILY. WITH FEVERISH SPEED HE TRIES TO MAKE IT WORK, BUT ARDO HAS TAMPERED WITH IT TOO CUNNINGLY·····

"HURRY UP AND SHOOT, FLASH;" ARDO CALLS, WITH SECRET MOCKERY. THEN ARDO FIRES SKILFULLY, INFLICTING FLESH WOUNDS THAT ONLY ENRAGE THE CHARGING RAT.



IN AN ACT OF FINAL TREACHERY, ARDO STRIKES A NUMBING BLOW AT THE BASE OF FLASH'S SKULL WITH A FALLEN BRANCH. "NOW, RAT, DO YOUR WORK·· AND DALE WILL NEVER SUSPECT."

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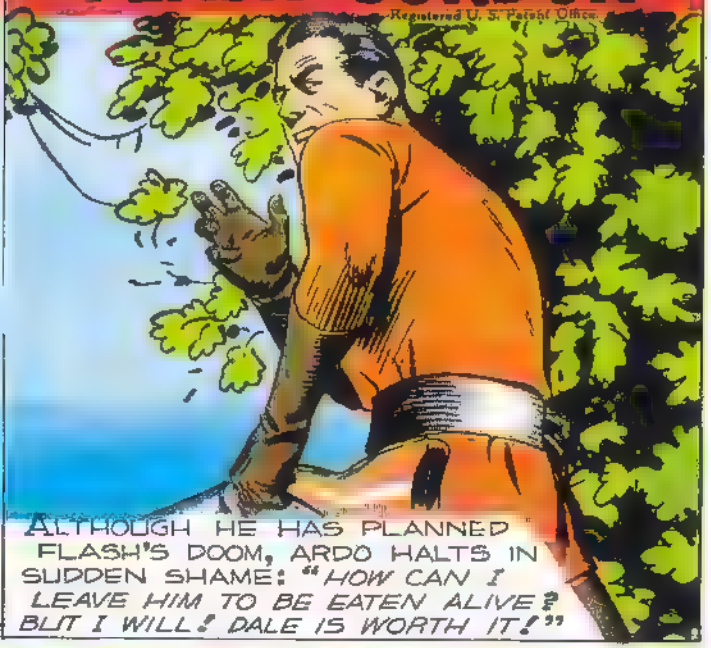

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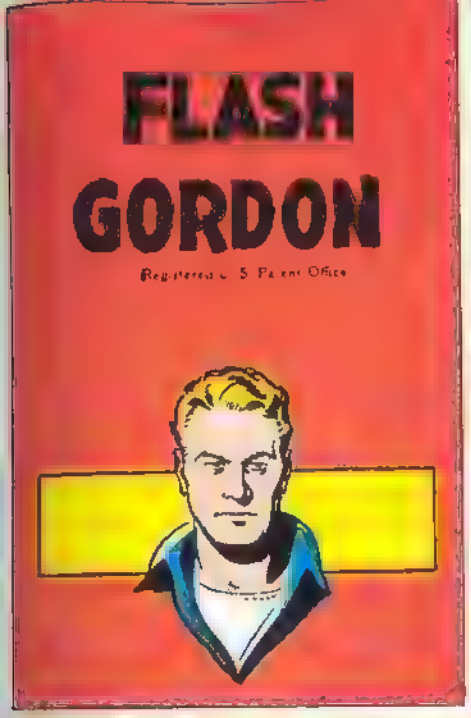
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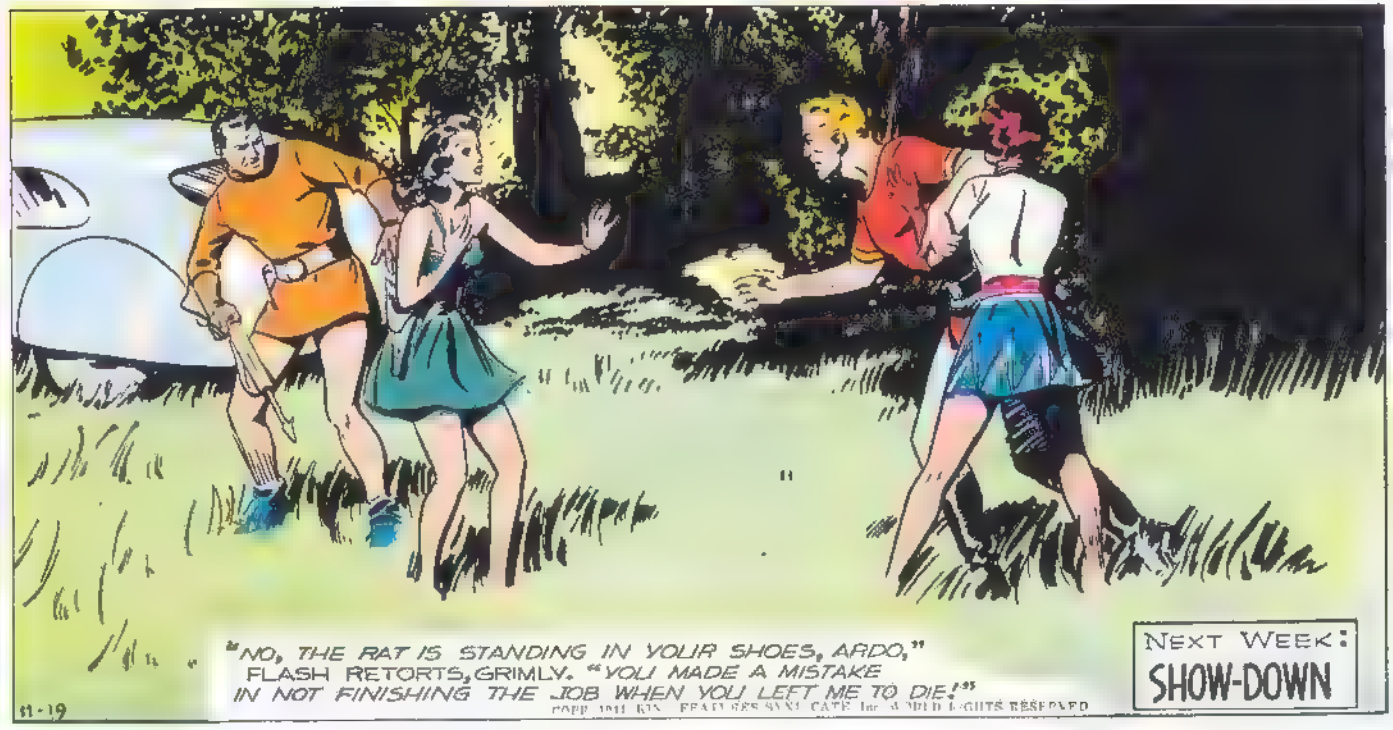
ARDO'S CONSCIENCE TORTURES HIM. "I'M AS EVIL AS THAT RAT THAT'S EATING FLASH... BUT THAT'S DONE WITH. NOW I'M FREE TO WIN DALE."

"AI, TAO, IT WAS HORRIBLE!" ARDO GASPS, CONVULSIVELY. "FLASH'S GUN FAILED... I EMPTIED MY FLAME GUN IN VAIN... AND THE GIANT RAT GOT FLASH..."

"BROTHER, YOU FOOL, LETTING THAT WONDERFUL MAN BE KILLED!" LLRA SCREAMS. DESPITE ARDO'S HYPNO-PILLS, DALE SOBS, "OH, FLASH, MY LOVE!"

"WHAT IS, IT?" ARDO DEMANDS, AS THE TWO GIRLS SUDDENLY LOOK BEHIND HIM. "IS THE RAT COMING AFTER US?"


"NO, THE RAT IS STANDING IN YOUR SHOES, ARDO," FLASH RETORTS, GRIMLY. "YOU MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT FINISHING THE JOB WHEN YOU LEFT ME TO DIE!"
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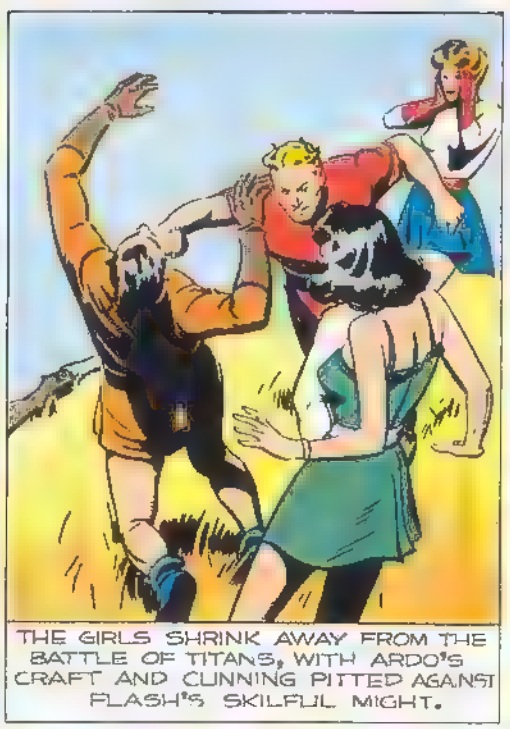
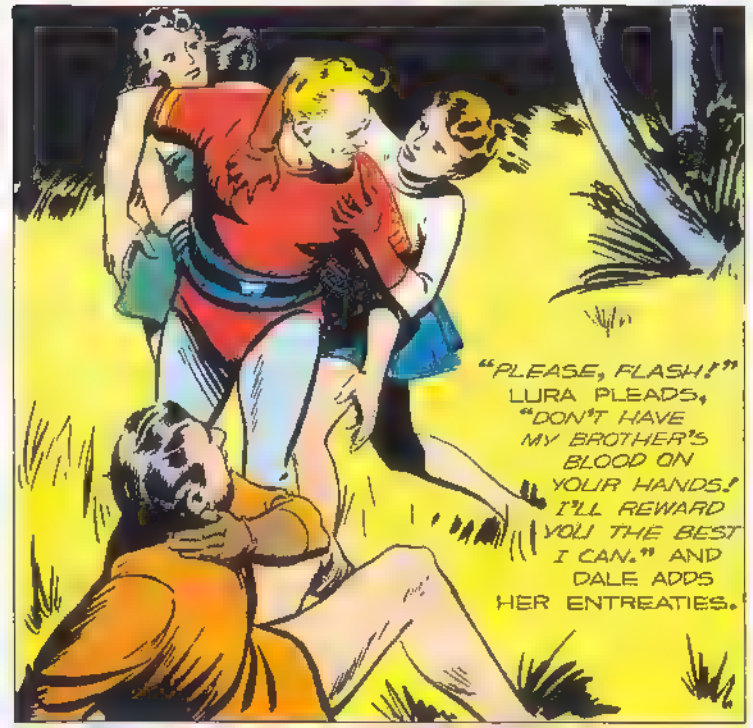
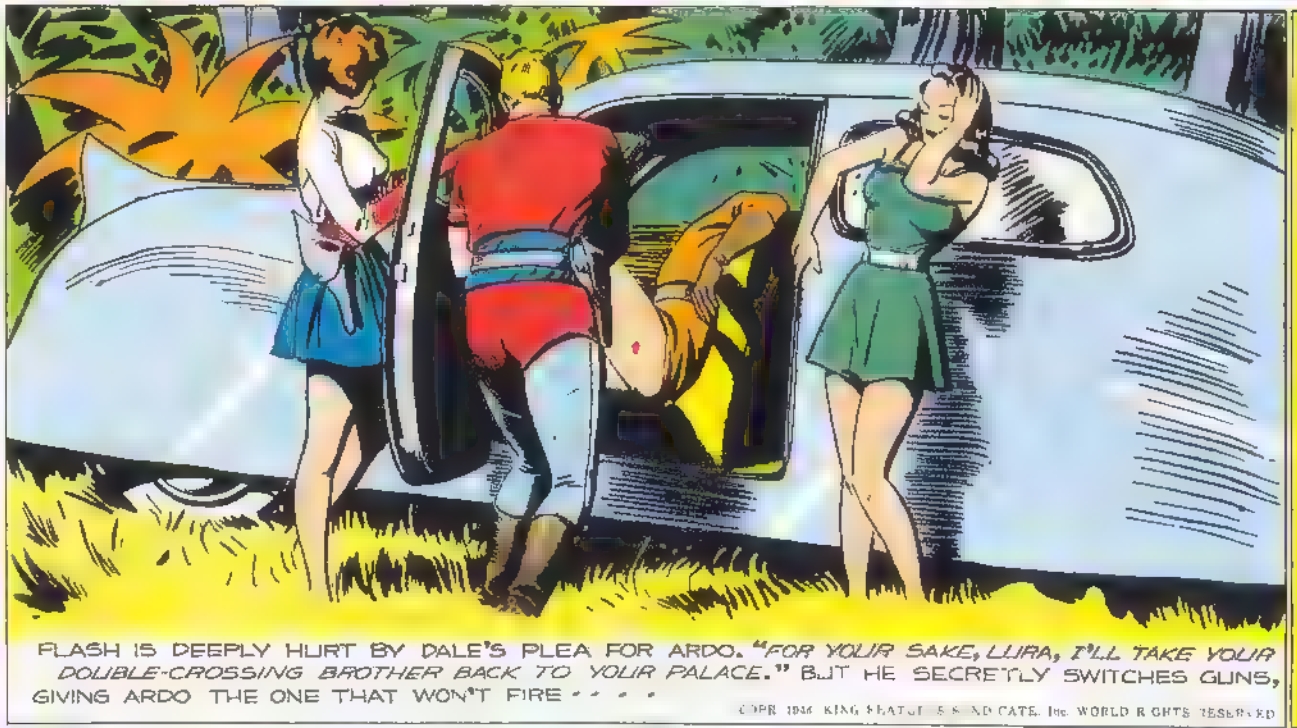
NEXT WEEK: SHOW-DOWN







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TRUCE WITH A TRIGGER!

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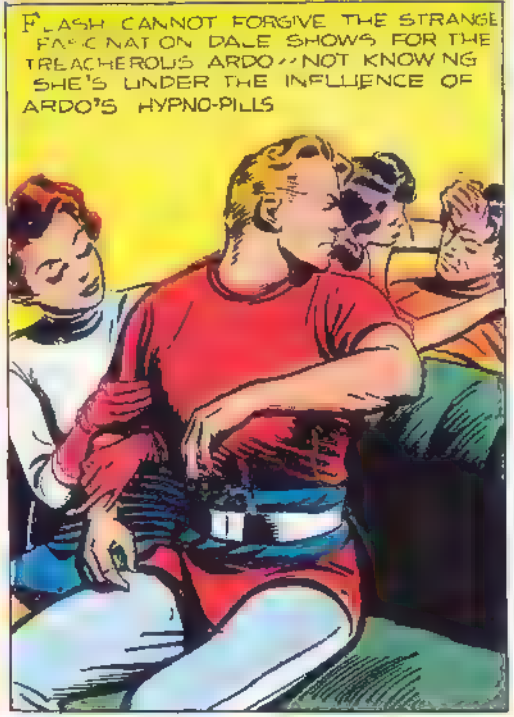

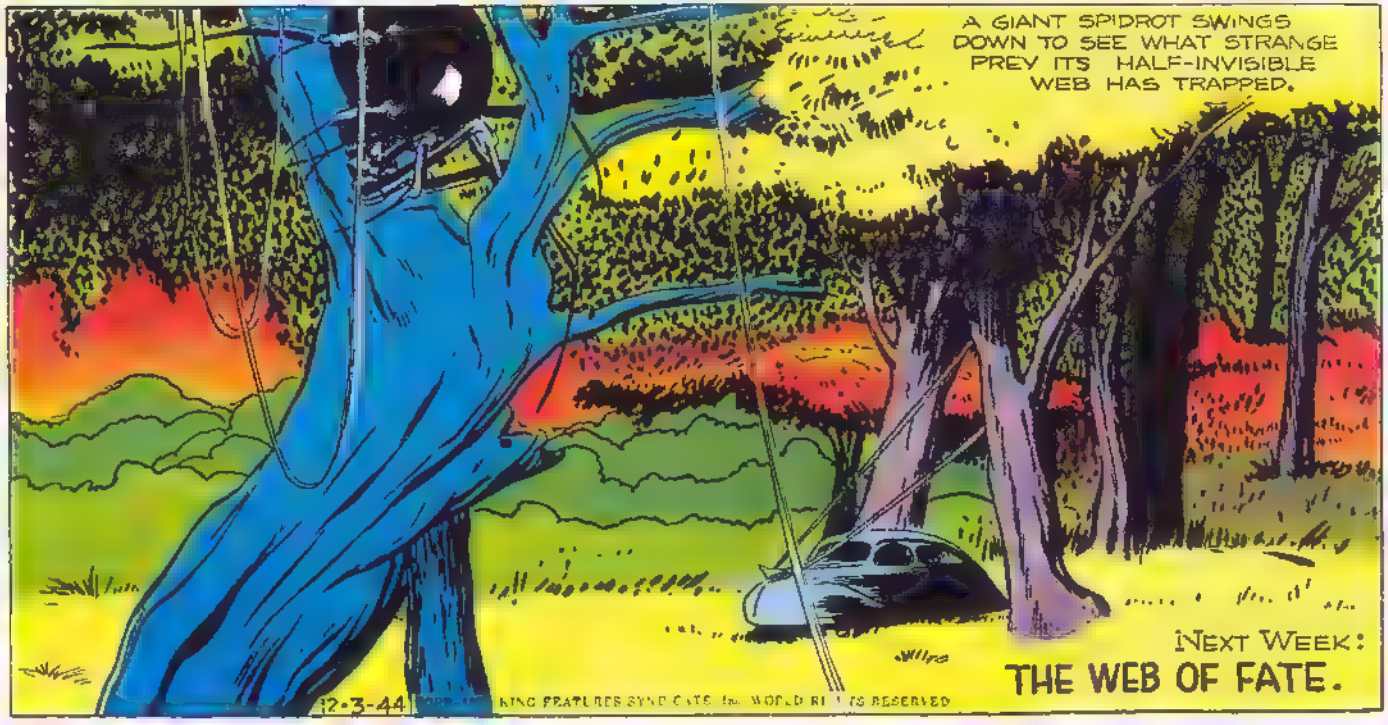

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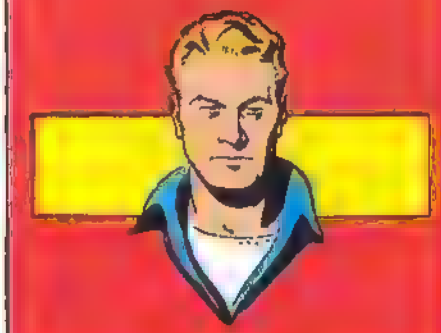
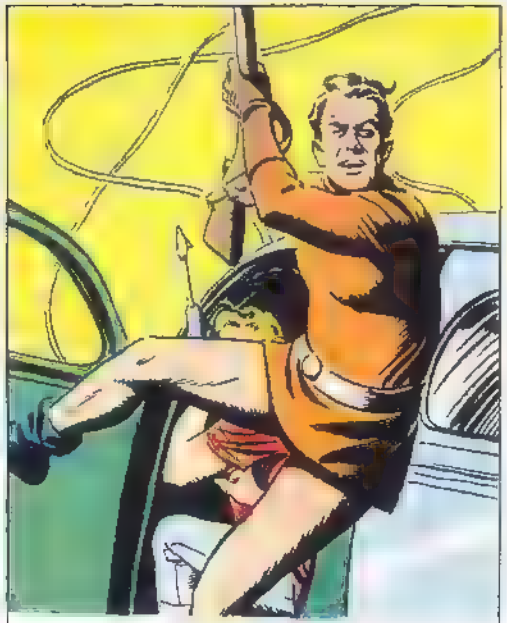
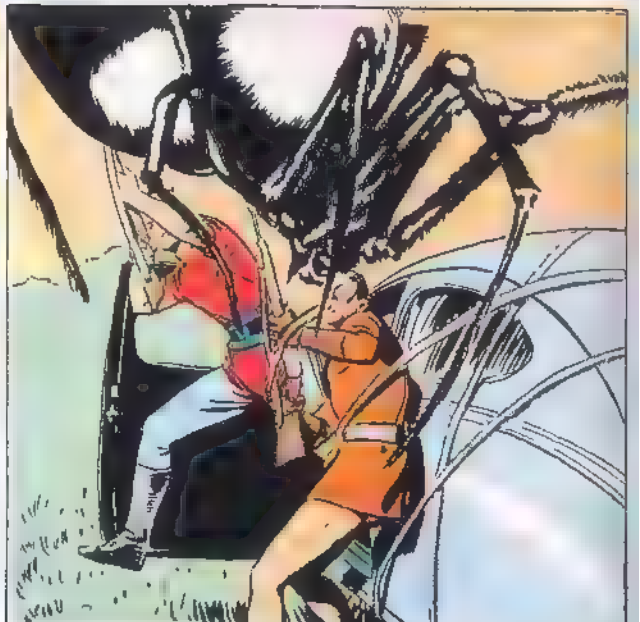


SHUDDERING WITH BLIND HORROR, LURA HAMPERS FLASH'S EFFORTS BY CLUTCHING HIM: *"HELP! FLASH, SAVE ME FROM THAT GRUESOME SPIDROT!"*

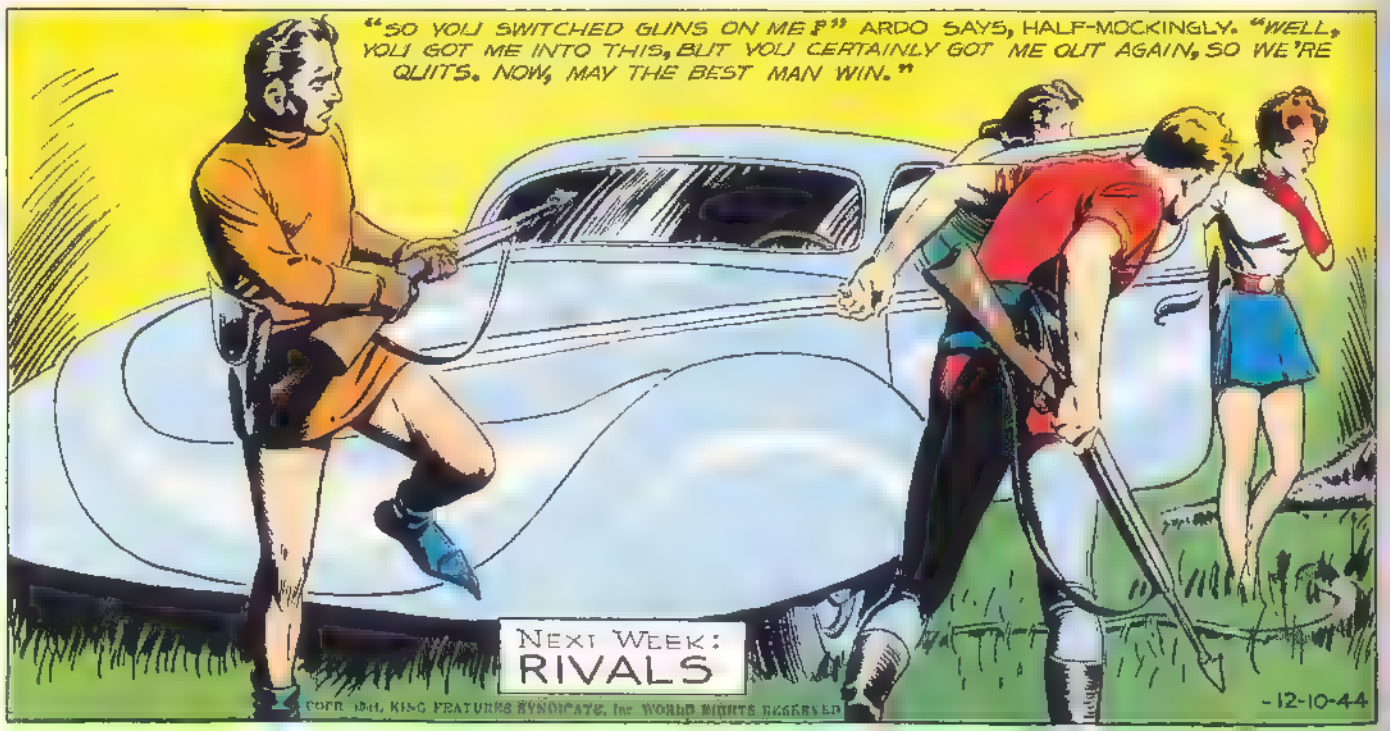


WHATEVER ARDO'S FAULTS ARE, COWARDICE IS NOT ONE OF THEM. BOLDLY, HE LEAPS TO ATTACK THE GRISLY CREATURE. *"I'LL TEACH YOU TO ATTACK ME!"*



ARDO'S JAMMED GUN BETRAYS HIM INTO THE SPIDROT'S CLUTCHES. *"KEEP FIGHTING . . . I'LL SAVE YOU!"* FLASH SHOUTS, AS HE CHARGES TO THE RESCUE . . .

FLASH'S FLAME-GUN HITS THE SPIDROT'S VULNERABLE POINTS, AS HE RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE THE PRINCE WHO TRIED TO KILL HIM.



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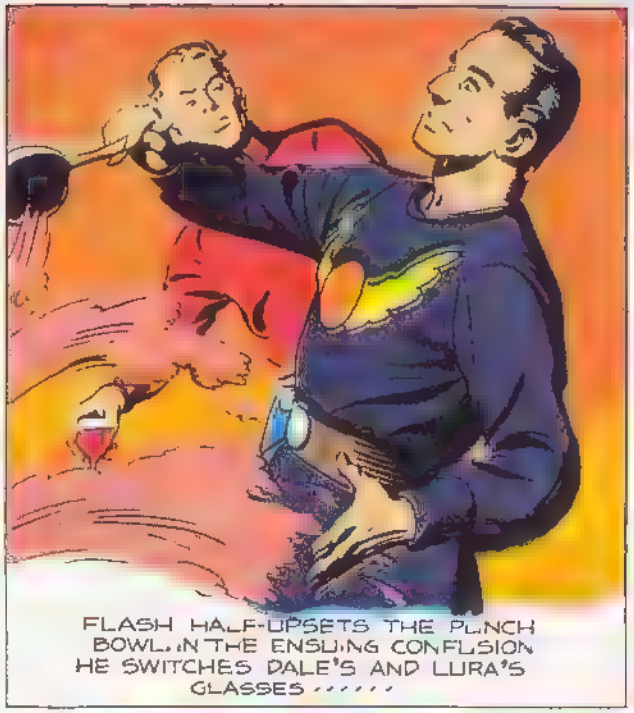
THE MOODY, CHANGEABLE ARDO IS GAY, AS HE DRIVES BACK TO THE PALACE. *"YOU'LL DINE WITH ME TONIGHT. FLASH, I'M GOING TO WIN DALE AWAY FROM YOU!"*

FLASH KEEPS AN EXTRA-SHARP EYE ON HIS RIVAL. HE SEES ARDO SLIP A MYSTERIOUS PELLET INTO DALES GOBLET.



FLASH HALF-UPSETS THE PUNCH BOWL. IN THE ENSUING CONFUSION HE SWITCHES DALE'S AND LURA'S GLASSES .....

LURA FINISHES HER DRUGGED DRINK. IMPULSIVELY, SHE SEIZES FLASH'S ARM. *"THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU. COME OUT ON THE TERRACE!"* AND FLASH, CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT ARDO HAD PLANNED TO DO TO DALE, FOLLOWS HER.

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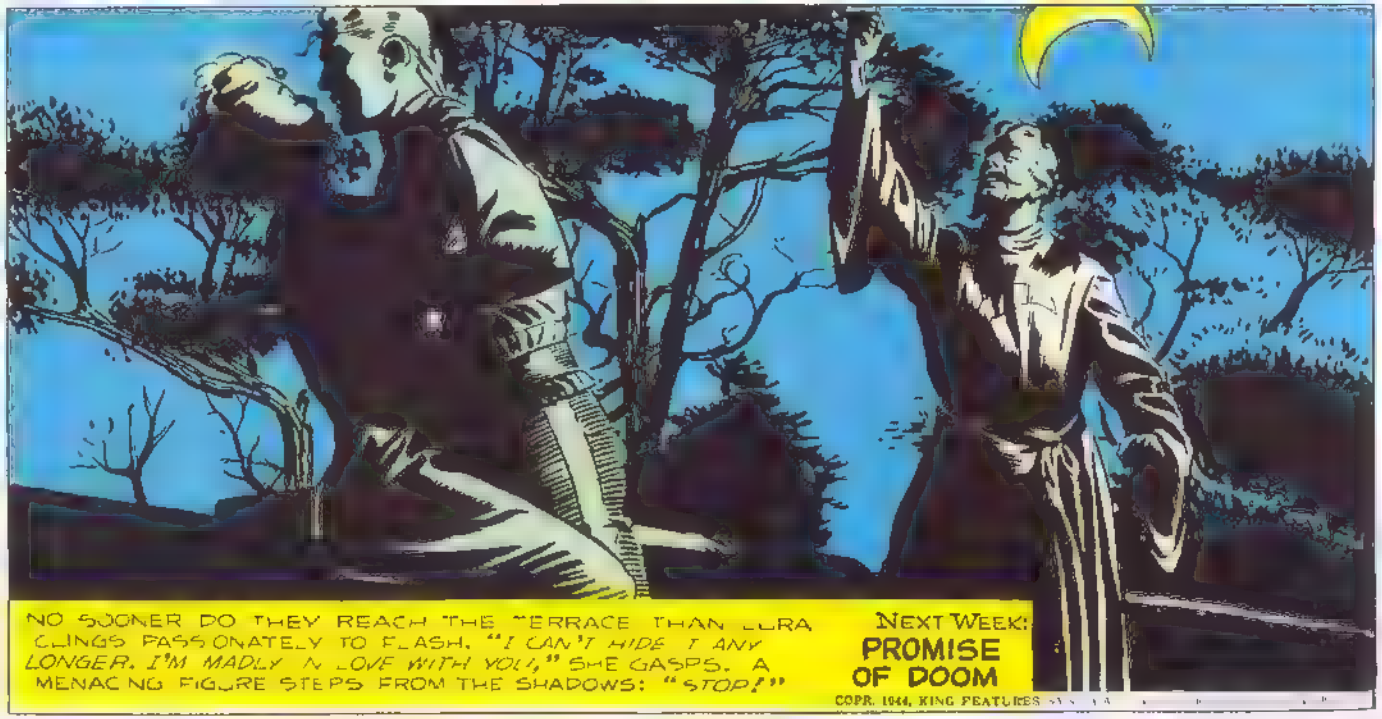

NO SOONER DO THEY REACH THE TERRACE THAN LURA CLINGS PASSIONATELY TO FLASH. *"I CAN'T HIDE IT ANY LONGER. I'M MADLY IN LOVE WITH YOU,"* SHE GASPS. A MENACING FIGURE STEPS FROM THE SHADOWS: *"STOP!"*

NEXT WEEK:
PROMISE OF DOOM

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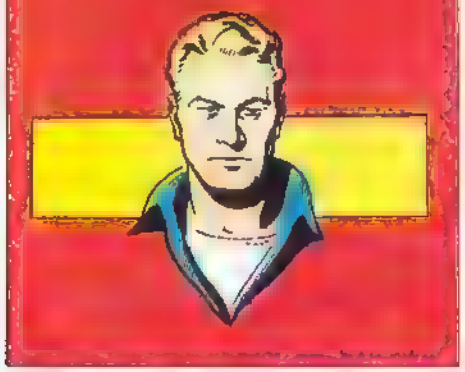
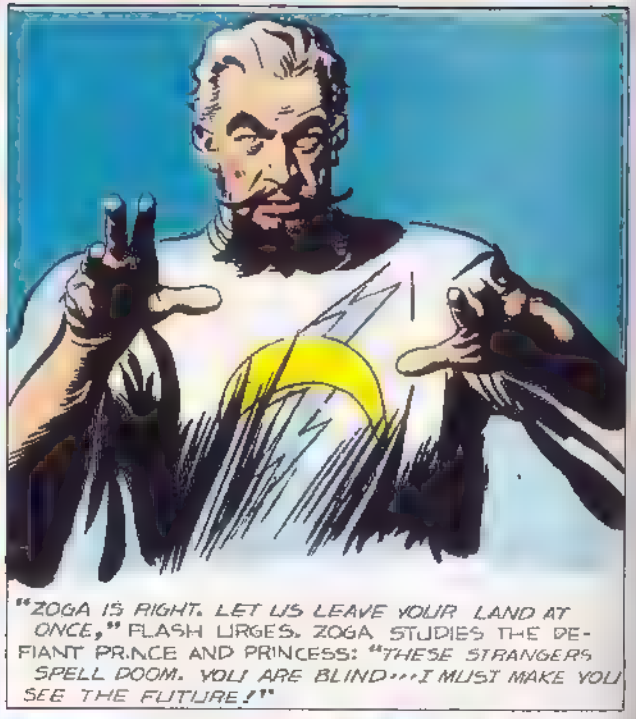


"BEWARE OF THIS STRANGER!" THUNDERS THE HIGH PRIEST OF MARVELA. BUT LURA FACES HIM BRAVELY. "NAY, ZOGA. I HAVE CHOSEN FLASH TO BE MY PRINCE!"

"ARDO, SAVE YOUR SISTER FROM THIS DEADLY FOLLY. SEND THE STRANGERS AWAY OR KILL THEM!" ZOGA DEMANDS. BUT ARDO, TOO, DEFIES HIM: "NO! I LOVE DALE. I'LL HAVE HER OR DIE!"



"ZOGA IS RIGHT. LET US LEAVE YOUR LAND AT ONCE," FLASH URGES. ZOGA STUDIES THE DEFIANT PRINCE AND PRINCESS: "THESE STRANGERS SPELL DOOM. YOU ARE BLIND... I MUST MAKE YOU SEE THE FUTURE!"

"COME... SEE YOUR FATE IN THE MAGIC FLAMES!" ZOGA MUTTERS. FLASH IS SKEPTICAL, EXPECTING CHEMICAL SMOKE AND HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION, BUT HE HOPES ZOGA WILL CONVINCE ARDO AND LURA.

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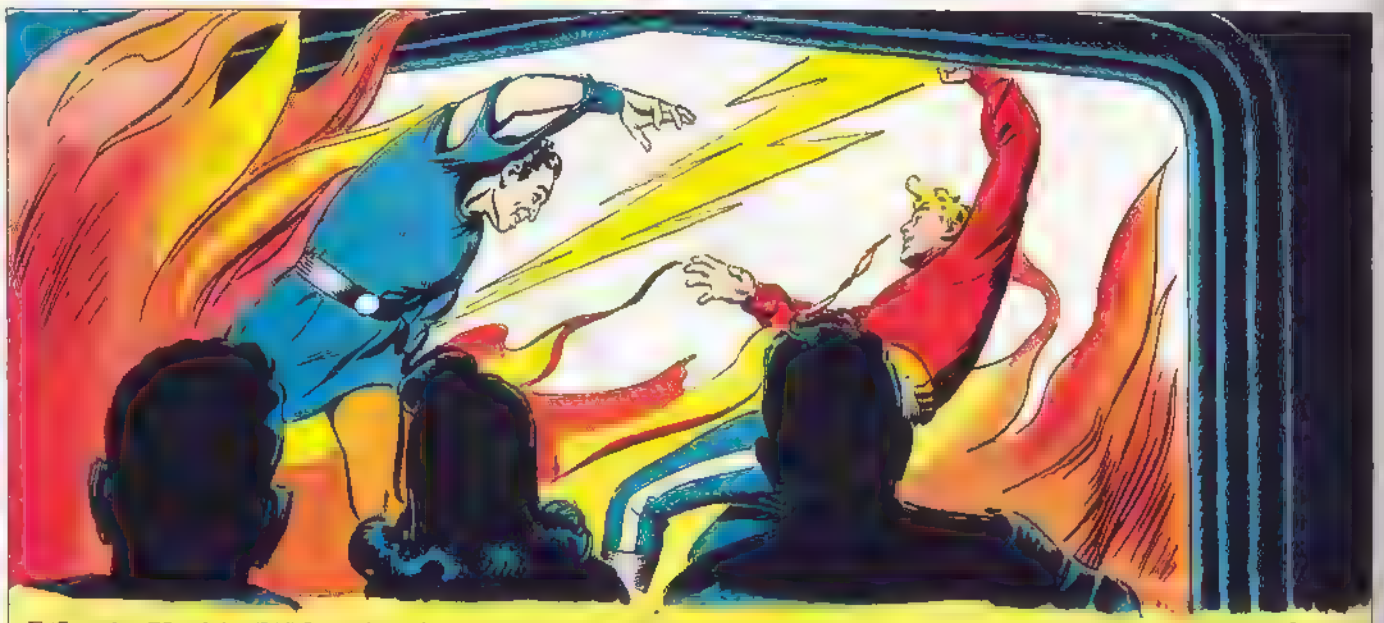
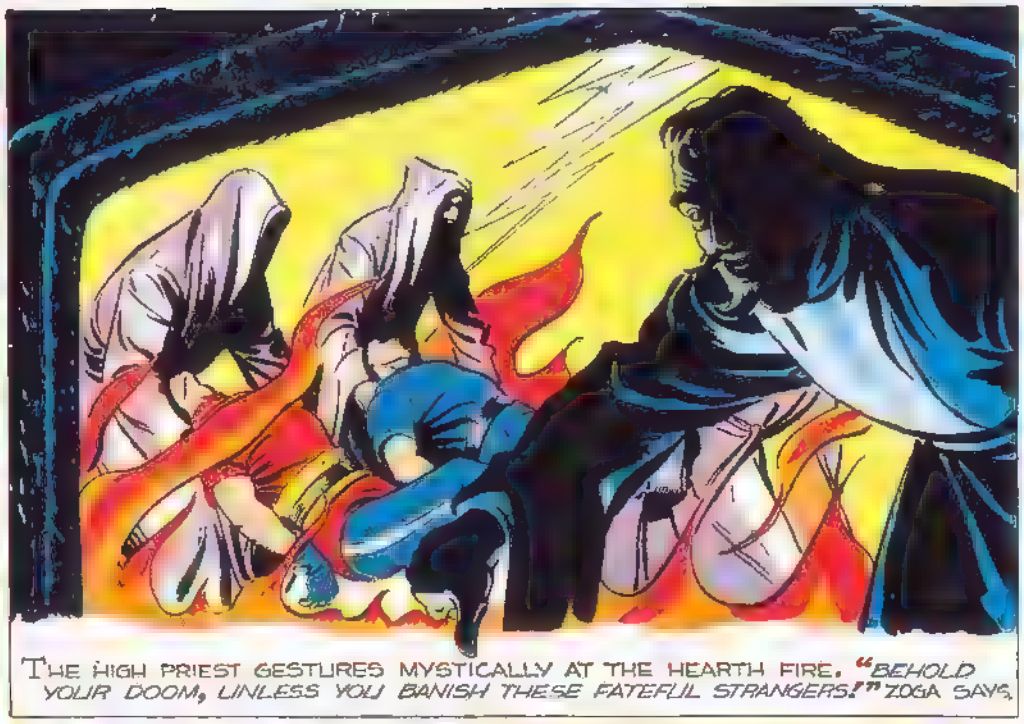


THE HIGH PRIEST LEADS THEM TO A HUGE OPEN FIREPLACE. EVEN FLASH IS STARTLED AS THE HEARTH FIRE SWIRLS INTO A PICTURE OF VIVID REALISM, IN WHICH A LIGHTNING BOLT STRIKES FLASH AND ARDO, LOCKED IN FURIOUS COMBAT!

NEXT WEEK: **CHALLENGING FATE.**

FLASH
GORDON


THE HIGH PRIEST GESTURES MYSTICALLY AT THE HEARTH FIRE. "BEHOLD YOUR DOOM, UNLESS YOU BANISH THESE FATEFUL STRANGERS!" ZOGA SAYS.

"I DEFY YOUR THREATS," ARDO SAYS WITH HIGH COURAGE. "I'LL RISK DEATH ITSELF TO MARRY DALE!"

ARDO'S DARING DEVOTION MOVES DALE SO THAT HIS SECRET LOVE POTIONS FINALLY TAKE EFFECT: "MY BRAVE ARDO, IF YOU LOVE ME SO MUCH, I'LL MARRY YOU!"
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"DON'T DO THIS, DALE. I LOVE YOU. I WON'T LET YOU GO!" THERE IS HEARTBREAK IN FLASH'S VOICE. DALE SAYS, "FORGIVE ME, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT!"
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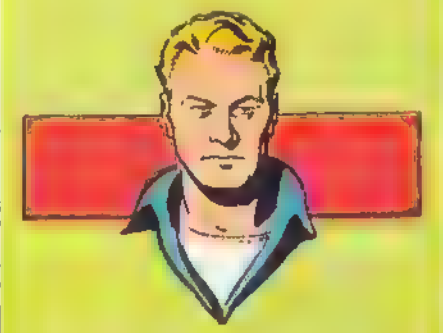
"TOO BAD, FLASH. I'LL TRY TO CONSOLE YOU," LURA SAYS. "YOU SEE, MARVELA'S ROYALTY ALWAYS GET'S IT'S WAY." BUT ZOGA MUTTERS MURDEROUSLY. "NOT THIS TIME!
NEXT WEEK: ZOGA STRIKES

FLASH GORDON



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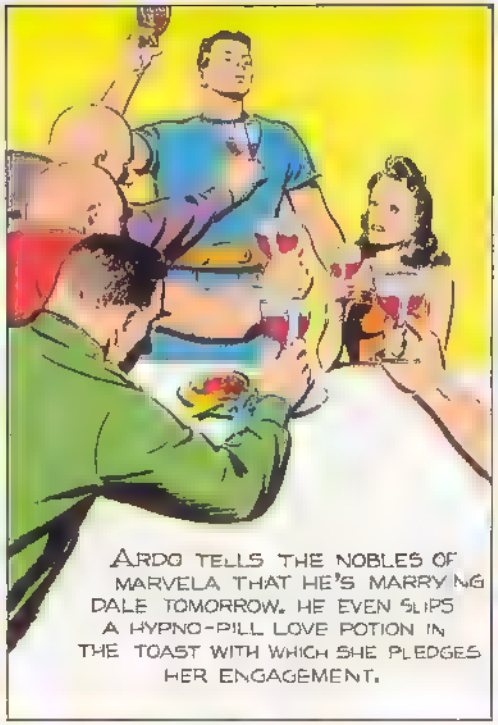

ARDO TELLS THE NOBLES OF MARVELA THAT HE'S MARRYING DALE TOMORROW. HE EVEN SLIPS A HYPNO-PILL LOVE POTION IN THE TOAST WITH WHICH SHE PLEDGES HER ENGAGEMENT.

MARVELA'S FASTEST DESIGNERS WORK ON DALE'S BRIDAL GOWN, BUT SHE HAS A MOMENT OF DOUBT: *"LURA, TELL FLASH I WANT TO SEE HIM."* LURA FALSELY PROMISES.

LURA GOES TO ARDO INSTEAD. *"WE MUST TELL FLASH THAT DALE REFUSES TO SEE HIM."* ARDO AGREES: *"YES, EVEN STOP HIM BY FORCE. AND TOMORROW, DESPITE ZOGA'S DOUBTS, THE HIGH PRIEST WILL OBEY MY ORDERS AND DO THE WEDDING."*

BUT ZOGA'S "DOUBTS" TAKE THE FORM OF DIRECT ACTION. HE SUMMONS HIS FANATIC HENCHMEN: *"MARVELA'S DYNASTY MUST NOT FALL INTO STRANGERS' HANDS!"*

LATE THAT NIGHT, ZOGA AND HIS ARMED BAND GO THROUGH SECRET PANELS INTO FLASH'S ROOM AND DALE'S ROOM. THERE IS NO SOUND TO WARN THEIR VICTIMS...

NEXT WEEK: THE DEATH TEST

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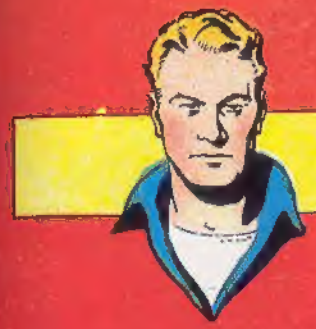

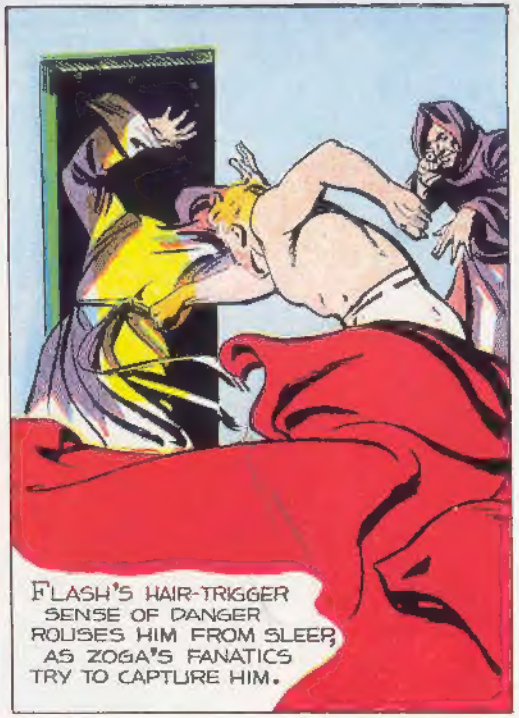

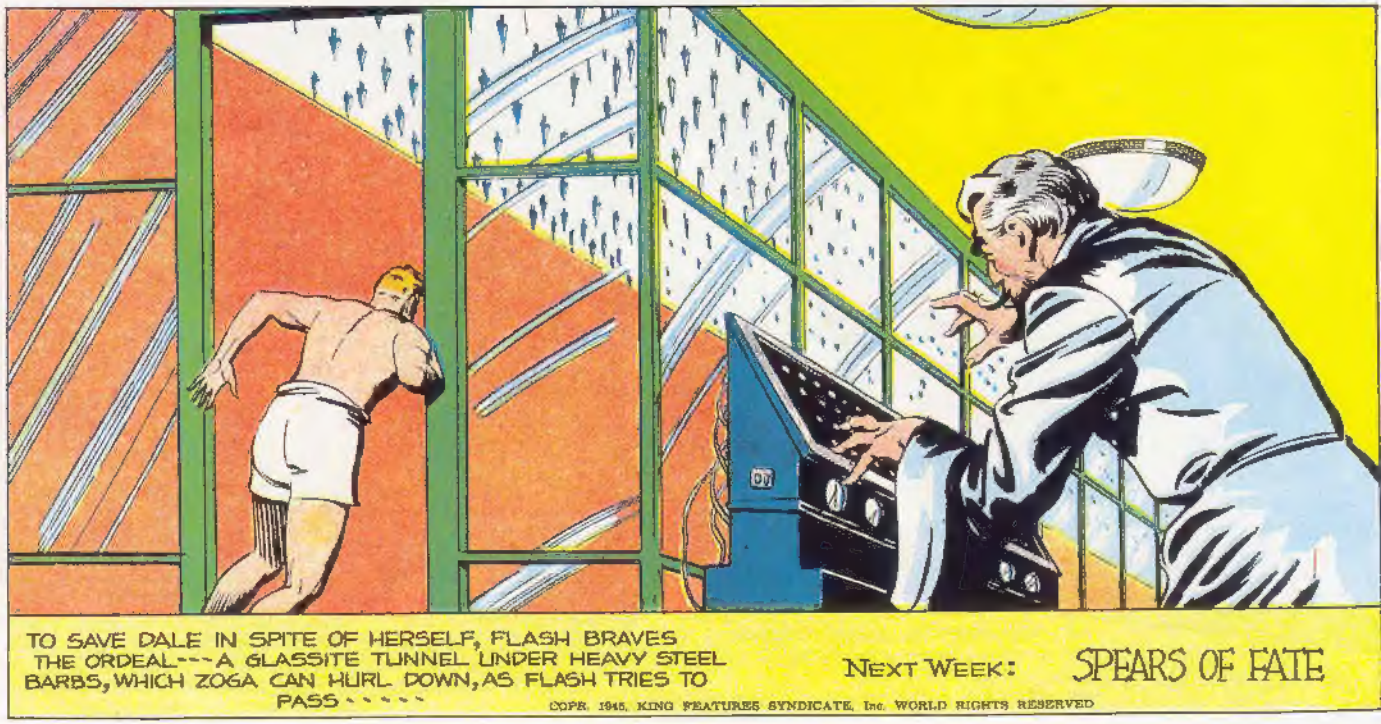

NEXT WEEK: SPEARS OF FATE

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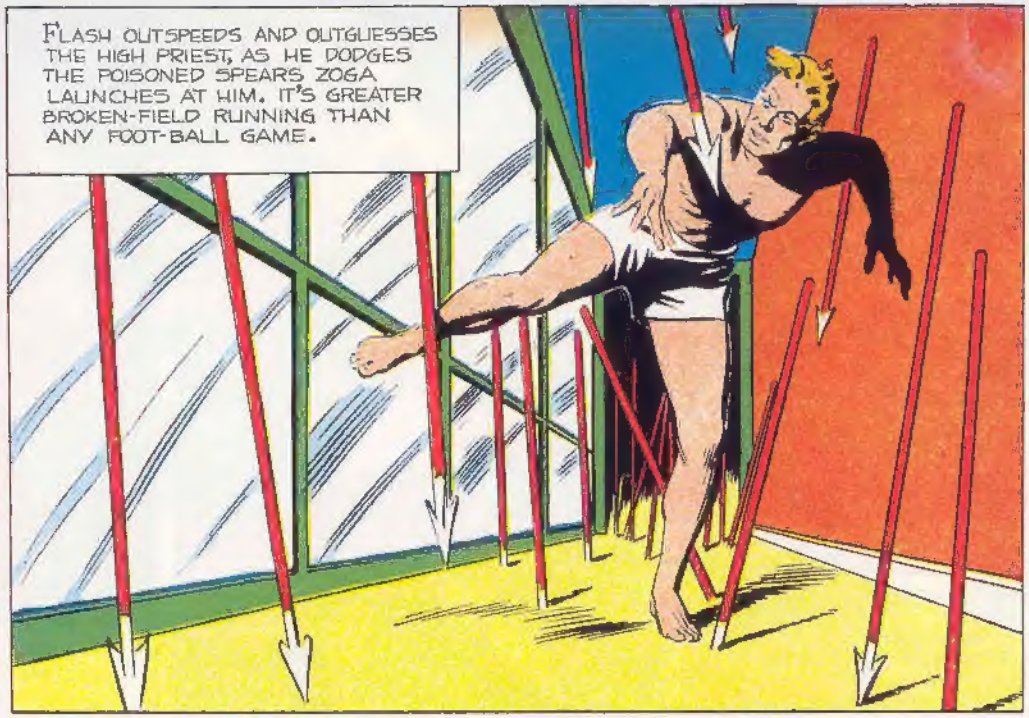

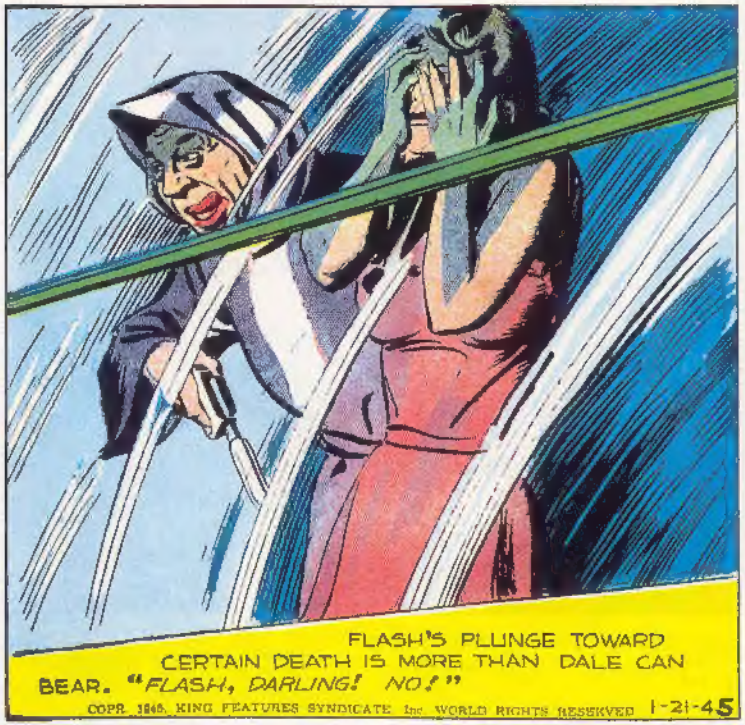

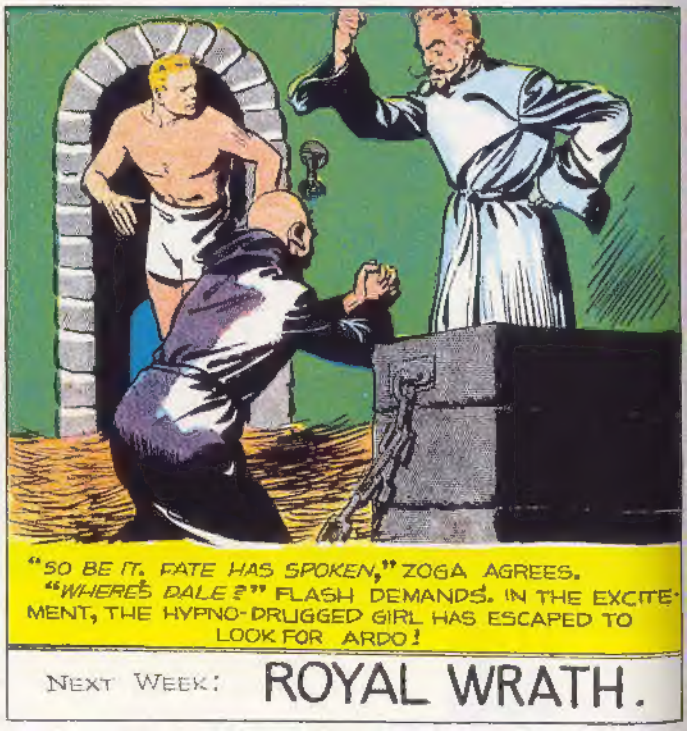

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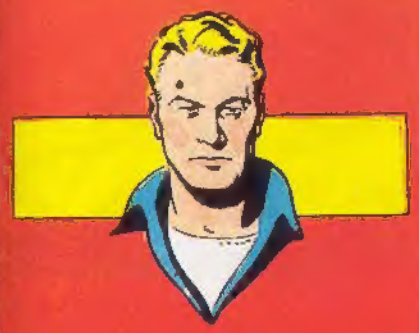

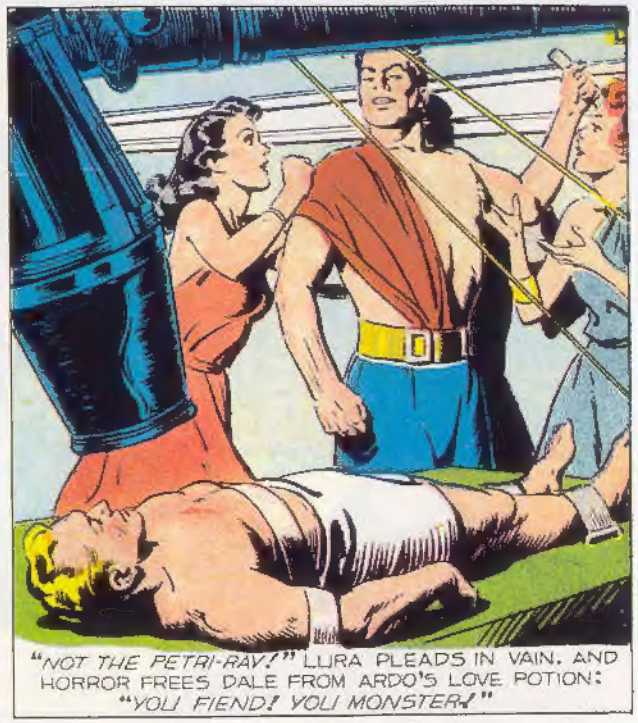

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FLASH AND ARDO ARE ALREADY TURNING BLUE AND AS STIFF AS MARBLE, BEFORE QUICK-THINKING DALE CAN SHUT OFF THE RAY-MACHINE. SHE SOBS: "FLASH, DARLING!"

NEXT WEEK: THE SUPREME TEST . . .

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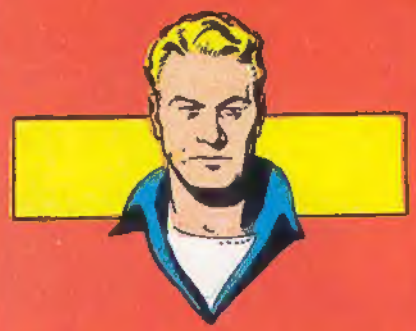
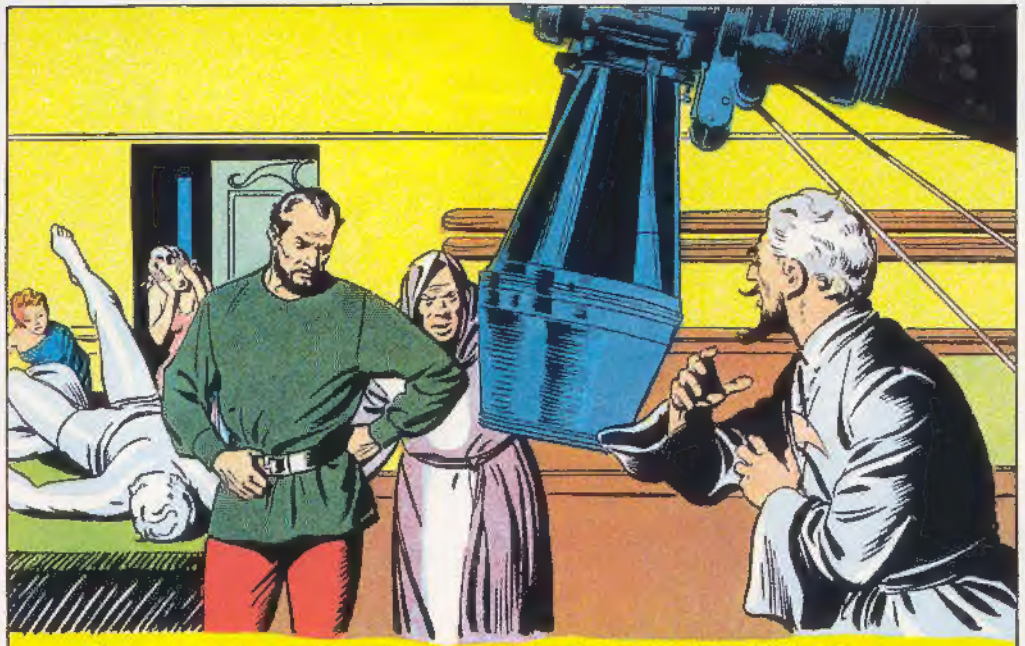
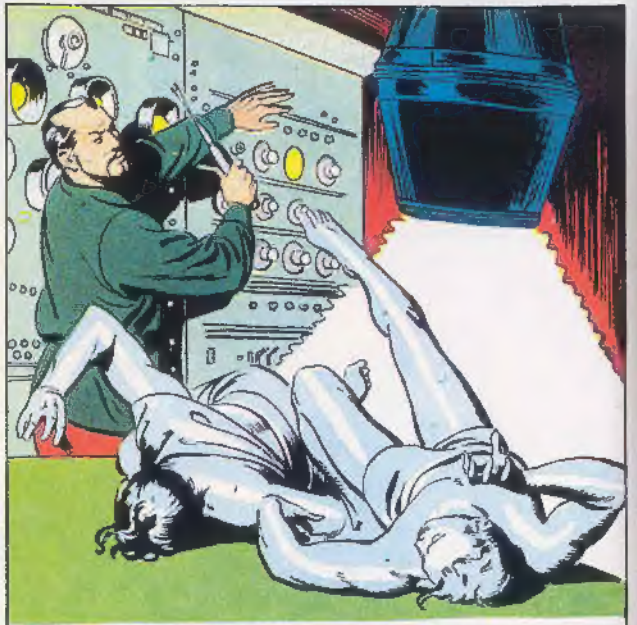




DALE AND LURA MOURN OVER THE STONY VICTIMS OF THE PETRI-RAY. A HENCHMAN CRIES: "ZOGA, THIS NEW CAPTIVE FROM ABROAD CLAIMS HE'S A SCIENTIST AND CAN SAVE OUR KING AND FLASH GORDON!"



IT IS ZARKOV! HE HAS TRAILED FLASH TO MARVELA. HE WORKS AGAINST TIME TO REVERSE THE PETRI-RAY: "THEY'RE STILL WARM! THERE'S HOPE!"

ZARKOV MASTERS HIS SUPREME TEST. AS FLASH REVIVES, HIS FIRST WORDS ARE, "DALE, YOU'VE COME BACK TO ME! I'LL NEVER LET ARDO HYPNOTIZE YOU AGAIN!"

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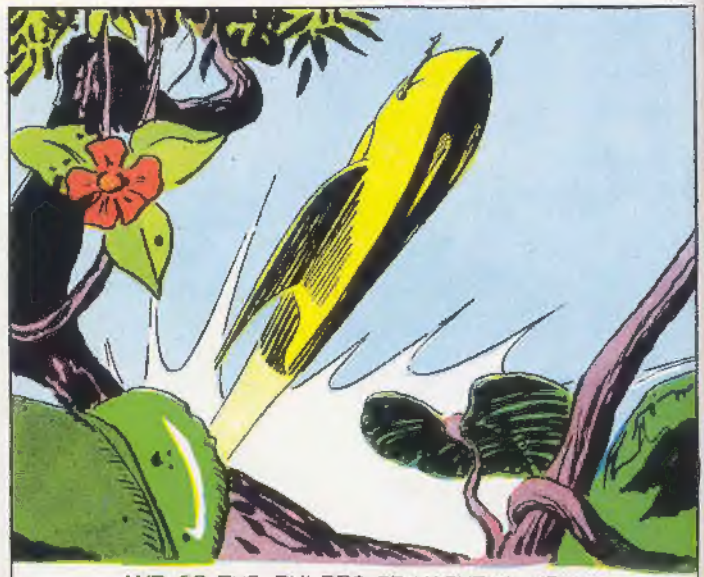

AND SO THE RULERS OF MARVELA, NEWLY ENGROSSED IN EACH OTHER, SOON SPEED FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ON THEIR WAY TO THE LAND OF MONGO.

NEXT WEEK: KANG, THE CRUEL!